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County-Wide Survey To Identify Adequacy of Internet Service

Knox County's Broadband Steering Team is conducting an important survey to identify the extent and reliability of access to highspeed broadband internet service across the county. The survey will run throughout the month of April and can be taken online or on paper. The online version will include a speed test to document the actual quality of internet service at homes and businesses across the county.

Answers to this survey will help identify areas where broadband internet access is unreliable or unavailable, as well as what the people of Knox County need broadband to do for them on a daily basis. These results will help the steering team and County leaders determine the areas that need additional support in providing citizens with the broadband capacity needed to grow our economy and meet their educational, healthcare and other needs.

Starting April 1, the survey can be taken online at go.illinois.edu/KnoxSurvey. Paper versions can be requested at

knoxbroadbandsurvey@knoxcountyil.gov. They will also be available at public libraries throughout the county, as well as at the following locations in Galesburg: Knox County Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Road; Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development, 200 E. Main St., #200; Galesburg Community Foundation, 246 E. Main St., #101.

According to David Amor, Knox County Board vice chair and convener of the Broadband Steering Team, results of this survey will assist Knox County in working with internet service providers to secure federal and of the County Board's ARPA Task Force. state funds to extend and improve broadband Participants represent the Knox County

"Affordable, reliable high-speed broadband service to homes and businesses is absolutely necessary to meet educational, in the 21st century," said Amor. While many of the cities and villages in Knox County have Williamsfield School District #210; West broadband infrastructure capable of meeting the federal benchmark of 100/20 megabyte upload and download speeds, much of the rural and unincorporated areas remain unor underserved. Even many areas that on paper appear to be adequately served are in fact seriously deficient in reliable internet service.

The Knox County Broadband Steering Team is a collaborative venture growing out

Board, the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development (KCAP), the Knox County Farm Bureau, University of Illinois Extension, Galesburg Community business, farming, healthcare and other needs Foundation, Knox County Township Officials Association, ROWVA School District #208, Central FS, Oneida Telephone Exchange, MidCentury Communications, Comcast, and Broadband Wave LLC.

> The survey project is part of Knox County's participation in the Illinois Office of Broadband's Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning Program, conducted by the Benton Institute for Broadband and Society and Heartland Forward.

Farm health helpline and service available statewide

Farming is a challenging and sometimes dangerous business. Weather, machinery, logistics and livestock can cause difficulties within a day's work.

Yet these can pale next to the concerns and stress that a farmer carries inside. Farmers are among the most likely to die by suicide, compared with other occupations, according to a 2022 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The study also found that suicide rates overall had grown by 40% in less than two decades.

A new support system is available to help the Illinois farming community. It's as close as your phone. A helpline (1-833-FARM-SOS) will connect farmers to health professionals and services as part of a new statewide program.

The Farm Family Resource Initiative (FFRI) is a joint program of Southern Illinois

University School of Medicine and the Illinois Department of Agriculture. SIU's Center for Rural Health and Social Services Development has created a statewide network of resources to address the mental health needs of the farming and agricultural work-

In addition to the 24-hour helpline, farmers can now access free webinars, blogs and trainings on psychological signs of stress at the website siumed.org/farm.

"We've designed the program to give ongoing outreach, education and training to our rural partners," said Karen Stallman, FFRI agricultural resource specialist. "We want to improve the health and safety of farm families. It's another toolkit they can use to keep well and productive. And we continue to expand our services."

SIU Medicine conducted a needs assessment in 2020 that found 2 out of 3 Illinois

farmers considered farm-related stress and mental health to be significant problems. In addition to the regular stresses of farm management, the pandemic has created labor and most, right in the farmers' hands." supply chain disruptions.

In 2021, the Illinois Department of Agriculture received a \$500,000 USDA grant that allowed expansion of the FFRI's pilot pro- medical expertise and knowledge of the facgram. Part of that funding allowed the FFRI to go statewide. The remaining portion went mental health programming. SIU School of Medicine and University of Illinois Extension at FarmFamilyResourceHelpline@mhsil. partner on many efforts. "The state brought federal funding to help a segment of the rural population," said Stallman, "and our medical community was there, ready to step up."

"SIU School of Medicine has a mission of social accountability and bringing better health MD, MSPH, dean and provost of SIU School of who want them to live well and prosper.

Medicine. "The Farm Family Resource Initiative is a great fit for us and our rural partners - we're putting the resources where they are needed

Mental health professionals from Memorial Behavioral Health in Springfield staff the helpline. The counselors have both tors that affect farming. The phone number is 1-833-327-6767 (1-833-FARM-SOS). A text to the University of Illinois Extension for farm option is available at the same number. Those who prefer to email can reach call center staff **com**. There are now counseling services available to those seeking additional assistance. The website siumed.org/farm has new content and resources added regularly.

Please share this information with farmers and their loved ones who may benefit from to central and southern Illinois," said Jerry Kruse, it. They have friends here and across Illinois



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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Dusty Truth

Roads (gravel ones included) key part of food supply chain.

A West Coast cousin is guaranteed to call out "rush hour," when more than one car passes the farmyard during our annual game of wiffle ball. Since childhood, we have played a ball game every year that our city cousins visit the farm. Now adults, they still poke fun at the traffic pattern of primarily the mailman and some neighbors who wave as they pass.

Back home in the city, my cousins travel well-lit residential streets and expressways. Out here in the heart of farm country, few

roads are lined. Certain stretches of our rural roads may become impassable in winter. Road curves can measure nearly 90 degrees, and some intersections of narrow gravel roads lack stop signs, relatively common in Illinois' most rural, low-traffic settings. That's just a fact of living in rural, more remote areas.

Urban and rural alike, Illinoisians try to get from point A to point B for jobs, school, business and social events. Road infrastructure proves important to all Illinois businesses with goods to move, families with places to go, and workers with jobs to complete. In an urban setting, people most commonly travel lined asphalt or concrete highways. In rural areas, unstriped blacktops and dusty gravel road connect us to destinations, including the fields that produce food, feed, and biofuels.

The primary difference is that rural roads, generally, are made of less durable materials than urban or high-traffic county roads. And that reduced durability can limit activity. In

the late winter and spring when the frost exits the subsoil, rural roads begin to soften and weight restrictions impact the movement of commodities from the farm to market. In the summer heat, oil-and-chipped roads can bleed, demanding more roadchips, or small rocks, to protect the surface.

About a mile south and a bit east of our wiffle ball game, the one-lane bridge sits crooked to the road. The Laura Blacktop near town has a crumbling shoulder. And you'll want to avoid my road in the thaw of March unless you desire the unofficial title of "most deserving" in the car wash line. While in high school, I wrote well wishes in the gravel grime on my car for our statebound basketball team. I'm not sure that I made my city cousins jealous.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and cover crops and raise beef cattle, backyard chickens and farmkids.

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy 12. UTILITIES AND PIPELINES existing grade within two years of discovery, optic equipment and line

We support:

- 1. Continuation of work for quality rural telephone, broadband, and electric service with just and reasonable rates.
- 2. The development of a higher visibility and formal involvement in electric rate issues by:
- A. Cooperating with other intervenors in major rate cases involving farmers.
- B. Interacting with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) and utilities seeking to modify rate designs to favor agricultural users of electricity.
- C. Monitoring utilities and the ICC to ensure that "cost of service" rate designs and regulations are not put in place which would economically harm agriculture.
- 3. Building a coalition of groups and organizations with identifiable common interests regarding electric rate issues.
- 4. Strengthening the working relationship with the rural electric cooperative system.
- 5. Working to simplify and streamline the regulation of the utility business while maintaining the goal of prompt, effective, and efficient regulation.
- 6. The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) to assume the role of arbitrator in certain utility cases involving farmland. Where requested, we will recommend language for inclusion in landowners' right-of-way agreements that would appoint the IDOA, Bureau of Farmland Protection as arbitrator in certain cases where disputes arise. Upon request, we will hold meetings with landowners before and after completion of the project to address questions and concerns of landowners.
- 7. Working with American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) to seek federal legislation requiring all federally permitted utility projects to have minimum construction standards in place before granting permits to utility companies wishing to construct on farmland.
- 8. Working with electric and gas suppliers in Illinois to evaluate potential load requirements for agricultural operations and develop a long-range plan to upgrade existing infrastructure to handle future demand loads.
- 9. The appointment of the ICC and encourage the appointment of at least one commissioner who is knowledgeable about agriculture.
- 10. Regulations requiring all pipeline companies to manage existing pipelines shallower than two (2) feet and maintain to a level of five (5) feet of cover from

subject to the landowner discretion.

- 11. Legislation requiring all future underground pipelines being buried across agricultural lands to follow the contour of the surface maintaining a minimum topcover of 60 inches.
- 12. Action by the ICC to adjust all Illinois utility companies' summer rate time period cut-off dates in order to achieve a statewide September 15 summer ending date.
- 13. Legislation that would provide for some form of constitutional taxation of underground pipelines by the State of Illinois and payment in lieu of taxes to benefit local units of government where pipelines are located.
- 14. Regulatory oversight of anhydrous ammonia pipelines by the Surface Transportation Board due to the monopolistic nature of the industry.
- 15. Legislation that would create a surcharge or a fee-based "Pipeline Fund" to address potential environmental problems caused by abandoned pipelines.
- 16. Legislation requiring pipeline companies to remove abandoned or obsolete pipelines from the ground and to ensure that the affected areas be returned to the original productivity.
- 17. Efforts to assess telecommunication needs in rural areas and ensure that telecommunication providers in partnership with rural communities meet those identified needs.
- 18. Legislation requiring utility companies to remove municipal taxes from bills of rural residences.
- 19. Requiring appropriate landowner, trustee, or tenant notification in all utility easement agreements.
- 20. Requiring all utilities installing equipment on the right-of-ways to inform the adjacent property owner at least 30 days prior to the proposed change so the landowner can inform the utility of field drainage tiles, and if needed, watch the work conducted to make sure that the field tile is not damaged. If damaged, the utility should be required to properly fix any damage as soon as possible or within 90 days at the discretion of the landowner or tenant.
- 21. Seeking to develop a positive approach, to protect farmland, farm owners, and operators from losses caused by utility installations. The utilities should be constructed in a manner to cause the least possible interference with agriculture.
- 22. Efforts to further enhance the 8-1-1 internet-based location service to accommodate whole field utility location services, using whole field boundaries.
- 23. Seeking the requirement, that upon notice to a utility company that owns or controls underground utilities, including fiber

optic equipment and lines, by an individual or entity who is planning on excavating under or over such lines, the utility company shall excavate a minimum area to expose such line. This minimum area excavated by the utility company shall be large enough to allow the individual or entity planning on excavating to conduct their needed work in a way as not to damage the line.

- 24. Legislation to allow landowners to recover attorney fees if they prevail in a lawsuit enforcing the terms of an easement, or to recover damage to property or crops with a public utility and/or their subcontractor.
- 25. Seeking legislation requiring all utility and pipeline projects that are constructed/ buried across agricultural land complete an Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA) with the IDOA before landowners are contacted about the project.
- 26. Seeking legislation that requires pipelines and utilities to enter into an AIMA agreement with the IDOA that strengthens the enforcement of the AIMA by the IDOA when the agreement has been violated by a utility or pipeline company and the project can be stopped until the project violation has been corrected.
- 27. Seeking legislation to establish an obligation on the part of the ICC to require a finding from the IDOA that minimum construction standards are required for any proposed utility projects before companies are granted permits to construct improvements.
- 28. Seeking further study on the proper means to compensate farm owners affected by utility installations. This should require certain minimum standards for compensation agreements or annual payments for certain structures. Compensation should include cost of repairs to damaged infrastructure and crop losses as a result of damaged infrastructure.
- 29. Seeking legislation to require all utilities, proposing acquisition of rights-of-way for utility projects, to send written notice of intention to acquire such right-of-way to landowners and lessees at least 90 days prior to any personal contact with the landowners and lessees for purposes of negotiating such right-of-way acquisition.
- 30. Legislation that any blanket easement created after January 1, 2018, (or other appropriate future date) shall be void and considered against public policy and wholly unenforceable.
- 31. Seeking legislation to amend the Expedited Review provisions of the Illinois Public Utilities Act to better protect the property rights of landowners who may be impacted by utility projects. Also remove the 45-day deadline the ICC must follow when ruling on eminent domain requests for electric transmission line projects filed under expedited review and instead, request a reasonable timeline for the ruling.
- 32. Seeking to eliminate the practice of Citizens Utility Board (CUB) literature being inserted in vehicle license renewal notices.

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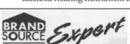
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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

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According to the National Safety Council, on a typical day more than 700 people are injured in distracted driving crashes, but the good news is that many of these accidents are preventable. COUNTRY Financial is here to help prepare you and your teenager to be a safe driver for life.

Be Alert and Minimize Distractions

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March 17, 2022.

O'Connor, Tom

Stevens, Monica

Underwood, Kyle

Link, Cory

Bewley, Beau

A split-second glance at a screen can end in tragedy for a driver, their passengers, and other drivers, so make sure you talk to your teen about having a strategy in place for keeping their eyes on the road. For example, many smartphones will automatically disable incoming texts while the car is moving so your teen won't be tempted to look at their phone.

Plan Ahead

March Board Highlights

KCFB Board Attendance 2022

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Every time a driver gets in their car, they should go through a mental checklist of tasks before even turning the ignition. In addition to fundamental safety precautions like checking mirrors and buckling seatbelts, they should also set up a GPS map of their route and queue up their playlist. Taking these simple steps before they leave—rather than while they're on the way—can help make sure they get there safely.

Follow the Rules of the Road for Teens

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Teens are often tempted to speed, run

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red lights, roll through stop signs, and otherwise break the law while driving. Make sure they understand that being on time—even if it's for school or their curfew—is never worth risking their safety on the road. If you're looking for some extra peace of mind, there are a number of apps available that can alert you if your teen is driving faster than a speed limit you determine.

Find Ways to Save on Teen Driver **Insurance Coverages**

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OLD BUSINESS

Education & Outreach - Lori Engel

The meeting of the Board of Directors of

the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on

Women in Agriculture Conference will be March 25 at Bally's Casino.

Farm Business - Becky King Nothing new to report.

Government and Policy - Drew

Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886.

Member Relations - Jeff Grady

The 2022 Quota Program has been set and KCFB needs 1890 Associate Members and 842 Voting Members.

Foundation - Hailey Weyhrich

The Internship Application deadline has been extended to April 1. Scholarship Award Winner letters were sent March 11.

PrimeTimers - Hailey Weyhrich

Prime Timers met on February 15, 2022 for a potluck and presentation from Extension on Master Gardner's. The next meeting will be March 16 with Tyler Main, Patrick King, and Carl O'Connor presenting on the western wheat harvest.

Young Farmers - Tyler Main

Young Farmers met on February 23 for their Program of Work Planning meeting. 4-H & FFA Tractor and Lawnmower Safety School, March 22 at Birkey's. 5:30 Registration, 6:00 Start. FFA Acquaintance Night, March 29 at Beaver's Teeth in Knoxville.

KAC - Hailey Weyhrich

The Knox Agri Center Condominium

Association met on February 22. The Spring Clean Up Day will be March 29 starting at 9AM.

There are 4 vacancies on the Knox County Farm Bureau Board. Directors are looking to fill the spot in District 2, 3, and 5.

NEW BUSINESS

Task Force Programs of Work will take place in April.





IAA Foundation Offers Scholarships to Drive Agriculture Forward

Truck drivers are critical for transporting farm commodities, inputs and food throughout Illinois and the nation. The IAA Foundation is pleased to administer the Driving Agriculture Forward Scholarship to help offset the cost of needed commercial truck driver training and ensure more well-trained, safe drivers are available.

"We are pleased to diversify the types

of scholarships available through our program," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation. "We are encouraged by the insightfulness of donors who choose to support all facets of agriculture."

In late 2021, the Illinois Farm Bureau committed to funding the Driving Agriculture Forward Scholarship. This donor agreement will continue for the next five years.

Applicants enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a commercial driver training program at an Illinois Community College are encouraged to apply. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded every three months and are based on the Illinois Farm Bureau region where the applicant resides.

All applicants must be Illinois residents and must provide proof of enrollment in during the corresponding award cycle. Additionally, an endorsement is required from a farmer, County Farm Bureau leader, agribusiness, or food processing business.

Full eligibility guidelines and the link to apply is available on the Foundation website, www.iaafoundation.org.

For more information, contact your County Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or e-mail Jennifer Smith at jsmith@ilfb.org.

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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



Knox County- The Knox County Health Department recognized National Public Health Week April 4th -10th. This year's theme, Public Health Is Where You Are celebrates what we all know: The places where we are, physically, mentally, and societally, affect our health and our lives. The American Public Health Association along with the Knox County Health Department reminds everyone that you can make your communities healthier and safer for everyone. As we move slowly back toward gathering in person, we're not jut focusing on what we can do as individuals, but what we can do as communities to protect and prioritize public health.

"The past two years have taken an enormous toll on our public health workers, whose critical efforts to keep COVID-19 in check and coordinate an unprecedented vaccination campaign are far from over," states Michele Gabriel, Public Health Administrator. mind, lets remember "Public Health Is Where This month and any time is a chance to honor You Are" and we want to continue to partner those working on the front lines every day to protect our health - from both new and everyday threats.

The Knox County Health Department, an APHA member, encouraged everyone virtually throughout the week by sharing

important information about your Knox County Health Department. We showcased each of our divisions on our Facebook (Knox County Health Department & Knox Community Health Center), Instagram (Knox County Health Dept/Center) and Twitter (KnoxCountyHealth) pages.

The public health progress being made over the last 30 years in Knox County is a result of efforts in public health areas including communicable disease surveillance and investigation; emergency preparedness; inspections of food establishments, private water; and septic systems; childhood lead poisoning prevention; infant immunizations; community education; public health planning; coalition participation; and much more.

Where we live, learn, work, worship and play impacts our health and our opportunity to ward off disease and injury. With that in across public and private spheres to create healthier people in a healthy community. We look forward to serving you Knox County for 30 more years. For more information regarding National Public Health Week please visit www.nphw.org or call us at 309-344-2224.



2021 KNOX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- LIHEAP Program provided a record amount of funds to Resident to assist them with utility bills.
- Recognized by DCEO as one of the top three performers in LIHEAP applications completed and total monies distributed.
- Successfully completed the IBCCP 3-year Audit.
- Waived Food Safety Permit Renewal fees for existing food Service Establishments as an effort to support existing business during the
- Partnered with the Knox County Farm Bureau to host first COVID Vaccine
- Developed the Unified Command Vaccine Clinic Site holding 196 COVID Vaccine Clinics and providing 15,356 COVID Vaccines.
- Successfully passed VFC COVID Vaccine Audit with high praise from
- Developed and held a FLU Vaccine Promotion Campaign and provided
- Developed the COVID Vaccine and Testing Division, hiring a Director for the
- Routinely achieved 95%-100% on all Contact Tracing Matrix IDPH monitored.
- Completed the Water and Onsite Wastewater program reviews passed both reviews.

Mission Statement

"To serve Knox County by assessing health and environmental needs, developing policies, and assuring those needs are effectively addressed."

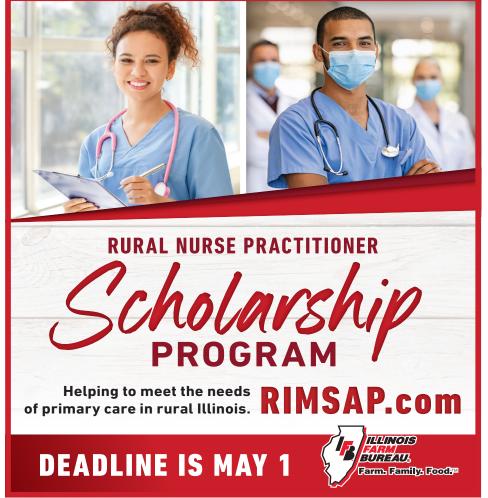
<u>Vision Statement</u>

"Healthy people in a healthy community"





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Looking Back



April 2007

Matt Hennenfent and Justin Moffit are pictured teaching kids at the annual Young Farmer Tractor and Lawnmower Safety School held this year at Kleine Equipment. Those that participated are now eligible to compete in the Tractor and Lawnmower driving contest held at the 4-H Fair this summer.



PrimeTimers News

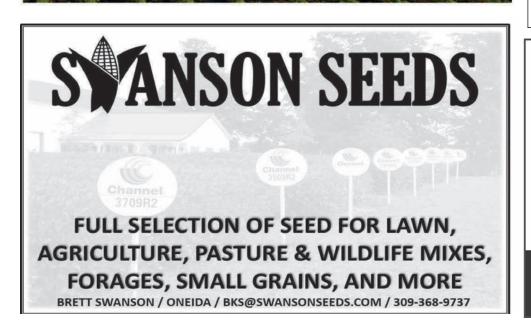
PrimeTimers will meet on April 19 with a potluck meal and speaker at noon at the Knox Agri Center. Please call the office to be added to the mailing list if you would like to join. Members 55 and older are welcome to join!

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH

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FOR SALE: Hay large net wrapped bales \$30, John Deere 5 1/2 foot pull type mower \$400, used fencing supplies, Wood and steel post, woven and barb wire, braces. Hay racks on running gear \$200-\$400, one hundred 2x6 Boards \$.50/ft, corrugated metal roofing \$.75/ ft. Call (309) 335-1222 Leave a message.

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