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Pictured left to right: Dan Teel, Don's son; Recipient Emma Seiboldt, Recipient Nathan Welch, Don Teel Scholarship Committee Member Carl O'Connor.

Don Teel Scholarship 2023 Recipients

Submitted by Dean Nelson

The recipients of the Don Teel Scholarship were announced and awarded on July 18 during the 4-H Livestock Sale at the Knox County Fairgrounds. Each winner will receive a \$2,000 scholarship for college. This year's winners were:

Emma Seiboldt of Victoria, a Walnut Grove Progressors 4-H club member. She is

a 2023 ROWVA High School graduate. She plans to attend Iowa State University this fall. Emma is the daughter of Pat and Susan Seiboldt.

Nathan Welch of Knoxville, a Walnut Grove Progressors 4-H club member. He is a 2021 ROWVA High School graduate. He is a student at the University of Illinois. Nathan is the son of Mike and Teresa Welch.

The scholarship is in memory of Mr. Don Teel who was well known during his 40 years of employment as an agricultural advisor for the Knox County Extension Service, now known as the University of Illinois Extension.

WELCOME NEW MEMBEI

Knox County FB Intern Wrapup

Hello Knox County Farm Bureau,

I have enjoyed my time as the Knox Oak Run Golf Course. I was able to plan County Farm Bureau 2023 Summer Intern. and organize this event to help support I started off this summer by attending the Ag in the Classroom. We had an awesome Farm Bureau Intern Seminar at Illinois turn out of 11 teams and 14 sponsors! Farm Bureaus home office in Bloomington, IL. I was able to become friends with Coun- tunate to attend two Knox County Farm ty Farm Bureau interns across the state. I Bureau Board Meetings. I gained profeslearned how important Illinois Farm Bu- sional skills watching how they discuss reau is for farmers.

Growing up and showing at the 4-H fair their concerns. I was also able to attend there was one event that I always made it a a marketing club meeting where I gained point to attend, and that was the Ag Olym- more knowledge on the financial conpics. This year I was able to plan Ag Olym- cerns of Knox County farmers. pics. My goals for all of the kids were to have fun and that no one ends up in the ER.

and under, bobbed for apples with little fish networking aspect of this internship. Atnets. The junior and senior teams played tending these various events I was able to a competitive game of hay bale flip, going meet many awesome Knox County Farm through an obstacle course while holding Bureau members! an egg on two PVC pipes, and had a wild game of toss the soaking sponge between I will head back to college to start my their teammates to fill an empty bucket Sophomore year at the University of Illiwith water. When it comes to competition, nois, Urbana-Champaign. I will continue farm kids like to win! Ag Olympics then my studies in Agricultural Communicaended up with a large water fight at the tions. wash racks.

On July, 28th the 7th Annual Knox for a great summer! County Farm Bureau Foundation Ag in the

Classroom Golf Outing was held at the

Throughout my time here I was forimportant topics regarding farmers and

Through these meetings I became more aware of how Farm Bureau helps This year, in the show ring, the 7yr olds our community. I am also grateful for the

As summer 2023 comes to an end,

Thank you Knox County Farm Bureau

-Ashlyn Murdock



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

Nicholas Eisenbarth Wendell and Mary Yeast Andrew Bauer Andrew Kunkle Steven and Doris Medhurst Terri Renfro Sarah and Richard Schleich Josh and Ashely Seifert Alexis Sturgis Ryan Thompson

(Pictured from left to right) Front Row: Ashlyn Murdock, Knox County Farm Bureau Intern, Taylor Talbert, Illinois Farm Bureau AITC Intern; Brodie Voight, Illinois Farm Bureau OGC Intern; Liz Jurs, Peoria County Farm Bureau Financial Secretary; Mackenzie Landmann, Madison County Farm Bureau Intern; Lydia Rogers, Tazewell County Farm Bureau Intern; Dana Merriman, Lee County Farm Bureau Intern; Emily Krawcyk, Illinois Farm Bureau Consumer Engagement Intern Back Row: Glenda Mireles, McHenry County Farm Bureau Intern; Breanna Cisketti, Stephenson County Farm Bureau Intern; Ben Croft, Illinois Farm Bureau News Publications Intern; Caleb Hudson, Illinois Farm Bureau Social Media Intern; Olivia Messerges, Illinois Farm Bureau GAC-Environmental Policy Intern; Emily Brooks, Whiteside County Farm Bureau Intern; Harleigh Varland, Kendall-Grundy Farm Bureau Intern; Alaina Bowie, Illinois Farm Bureau Strategy & Innovation Intern; Tatiana Coleman, Illinois Farm Bureau Video Production Intern. (Not pictured) Matthew Fonner, Illinois Farm Bureau PC Deployment Intern.

Knox County Farm Bureau

Members are always welcome at Knox County Farm Bureau's Board of Director meetings. They are held the third Thursday of each month. Please call for times.



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Farm provides summer education

Having braved a gravel road, a long driveway and an unleashed outdoor dog, a college intern approached our front steps ready to give his pitch. He worked door-to-door selling books and digital resources that supplement school coursework in math, science and language arts. I kindly shared some time with the business major on the front porch, where he quickly learned that supplemental education of a different sort defines our kids' summer days.

Our 15-year-old son works on the family farm. Our 17-year-old daughter operates small businesses selling baked goods and

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home-grown sunflowers. Together, the kids maintain a flock of hens and sell eggs to family, neighbors and our daughter's homebased bakery. With poultry in view, the San Diego native wondered what it meant to "show chickens," as the kids had done that morning at the fair.

The farm offers a summer classroom filled with opportunities to gain life skills in problem-solving, management, organization and efficiency. The kids learn to work in heat, identify approaching rain and witness the implications of drought. We hope they gain responsibility, a sense of self-sufficiency and a work ethic through a combination of disappointment, triumph, energy and exhaustion.

Because classroom experiences don't teach how to handle a calf that escapes the pasture fence. Or that drought means feeding winter stores of hay to the cows when the summer grass doesn't grow. Our daughter reconciles bank statements, communicates with adult customers, and studies the bloom habits of various sunflower varieties. Our son changes oil in tractors, understands the functions of a planter meter and can operate more than a dozen pieces of farm equipment.

The farm work shifts to maintenance of harvest machinery by mid-summer. Sunflowers bloom and roadside sales ensue. Planning work accelerates for the kids' biggest community service event just after Labor Day. Their summers are spent unrelatable to their peers at times, but I hope they enter society as responsible, self-driven citizens who can express compassion, exhibit common sense and make a difference.

The intern left with a tip in lieu of a sale and a glimpse into a farm-inspired approach to education. Like us, he desired to make the most of the opportunities presented to him.

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

Farmland Assessment Seminars to be Held

Representative Dan Swanson is partnering with our local farm bureaus to host a series of farmland assessment meetings throughout the region. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss ongoing increases in the assessed value of farmland.

The presentations, given by Brenda Matherly, Director of Local Government with Illinois Farm Bureau, will give you a better understanding on how farmland assessments are calculated and the long-term impact on those values. Information about state government programs will be available.

Monday, August 21

1:00 P.M.

Spoon River College Community Outreach Center, 2500 East Jackson, Macomb, IL 61455
Co-Sponsor: McDonough County Farm Bureau
3:00 P.M.
Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Office
1000 N. Main St. #1, Monmouth, IL 61462
Co-Sponsor: Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau
<u>Tuesday, August 22</u>
8:30 A.M.
Knox County Farm Bureau
180 S. Soangetaha Rd., Galesburg, IL 61401
Co-Sponsors: Knox County Farm Bureau & Mercer County Farm Bureau
11:00 A.M.
Lavender Crest Winery
5401 US-6, Colona, IL 61241

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Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

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1. Legislation requiring Congress and the Illinois General Assembly to vote by a roll call vote on any legislation that would increase their pay or pension of its members.

2. Pay and pension legislation being voted on separately and not being tied to unrelated legislation.

3. Legislation that would deny all state employment-related benefits to any

contribute a greater amount to their own pensions.

7. Legislators only receiving compensation for the days they are in office.



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NEWS FROM COUNTRY FINANCIA **College Students May** Need Renter's Insurance

Students renting apartments should take simple steps to protect their belongings from theft and loss when heading to school this fall.

"If your apartment is damaged in a fire or a storm, or you are the victim of theft, your landlord is likely not responsible for replacing your belongings," said John Butkus, Director of Property Claims at COUNTRY Financial[®]. "Students should talk with their insurance representatives about how they can protect their personal items while at college."

A typical renter's policy will cover personal belongings in the event of an unexpected loss, such as a fire. Some policies also cover part of the expense for living in another location if the apartment were to become inhabitable due to a covered loss. In addition, liability coverage may protect a renter if a visitor were to injure themselves in the apartment.

According to the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America, a renter's insurance policy on average costs \$240 per year. Policies are frequently added to auto or homeowners policies. Students' parents may be able to add a renter's insurance policy to their homeowners or auto policy to cover a full-time student.

"Students should start by taking an inventory of their possessions to determine the value of their personal property. Take photos or video to get a record," said Butkus. "The value of items like electronics, jewelry, bikes, etc. can add up quickly." To learn more about protecting your stuff, visit www.countryfinancial.com.

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July Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on July 20, 2023.

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel The next Adult AITC program is being planned.

Farm Business - Brian Nelson

Plat Books are available in the office. Plat Books are \$30 for members and \$50 for wall maps for members.

Government and Policy – Drew DeSutter Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886.

Member Relations - Jeff Grady

The 2023 quota program has been released. Knox County needs 831 Voting Members.

Young Farmers – Tyler Main

Young Farmers met on July 6 to go over summer events. Young Farmers will host Ag Olympics on July 18 at the 4-H Fair. Patrick & Kim King and Tyler Main attended the YL Ag Industry Tour trip to California. The lawnmower & tractor safety school and driving contest will be held on July 26 at the Fairgrounds.

PrimeTimers - Hailey Hennenfent

The PrimeTimers met on June 20 for a potluck meal and presentation on dairy for dairy month. PrimeTimers will not meet in July since their monthly meeting date is during the fair.

Foundation - Hailey Hennenfent

The Foundation Board will meet on August 22 for their quarterly meeting. The Foundation sponsored two goat champions at the Knox County Fair.

KAC – Hailey Hennenfent

The Knox Agri Center will meet on August 22 for their quarterly meeting. Renovations for the future include potential LED lighting upgrades and new HVAC.

OLD BUSINESS

There are 3 vacancies on the Knox County Farm Bureau Board.

Potential speakers are being contacted about speaking at the KCFB Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Advertising space in the Bulletin was discussed along with the number of pages. Goal setting for 2024 was discussed.

KCFB Board of Attendance 2023

	Beard, Jennifer	Р	Р	Р	(P) Present
	Bollivar, Jason	Р	Α	Р	(A) Absent
	Courson, Dustin	Р	А	Р	

AGENT SPOTLIGHT



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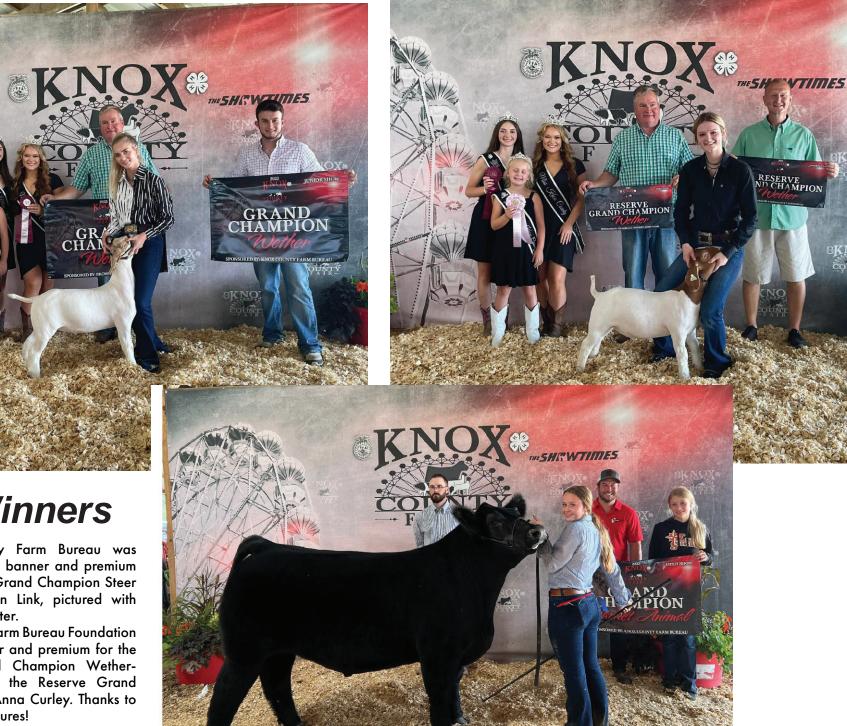






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Nelson, Brian	Р	Р	Р
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Stevens, Monica	Α	Р	Р
Underwood, Kyle	Р	А	Р

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Fair Winners

The Knox County Farm Bureau was proud to sponsor the banner and premium for the Open Show Grand Champion Steer awarded to Addysen Link, pictured with President Drew DeSutter.

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation sponsored the banner and premium for the Junior Show Grand Champion Wether-Kadie Hummel and the Reserve Grand Champion Wether- Anna Curley. Thanks to Kelli Hand for the pictures!

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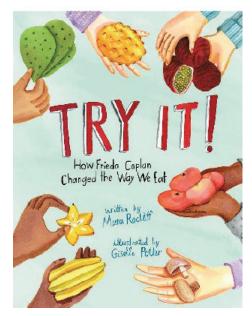
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Summer Adventures for Agriculture in the Classroom

June was a busy month for the AITC coordinators! Mrs. Green and Mrs. Hennenfent helped with two events at the Galesburg Public Library and Mrs. Green, along with



Ms. Aggie helped at the Spurgeons Farm Camp.

The Galesburg Public Library offered two Ag related programs for children. A Farmer's Market Friday event included a read aloud story called Try It! How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat by Mara Rockliff. The story highlights how Frieda encouraged those attending a farmers market to try different fresh fruits and vegetables. Children and their families were offered some locally grown lettuce, sunflower sprouts, cherry tomatoes, and cucumbers..... in salad form... to try!

Most of the children gave each vegetable a try, and some even came back for seconds. Stations were set up for the children to move through freely, designing their own farmer's market booth, some





vegetable sorting games and vegetable identification cards.

The second event was for meeting a farm animal. Children met several goats brought to the library by Heather Yeutson. She brought three sets of twins to be petted by the children and their parents. The library director started the event by singing some songs using puppets, complete with animal sounds. Children got to learn about goats and were able to taste some cheese made from goat's milk!

The end of June was dedicated to educating girls between the ages of 12-14 about pollinators and food. The topic focused on beneficial insects such as our native bees. Ms. Aggie joined in and brought her expert knowledge of bees and Mrs. Green focused on other insects. Plant identification and seeing harmful insects like potato bugs up close, brought the experience to life.





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August 1964

Three Knox County Farm Bureau Young Couples attended the District 8 Marketing Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Block, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Main, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Wenstrom attended in order to develop leadership in several important areas, including discussions on Policy Development, Neighborhood Discussion Groups and FBYP Discussion Meet.

Prime Timers News

PrimeTimers did not meet in July due to the County Fair being held during the week. The next meeting will be held on August 15. 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!

Recipe of the Month **Cheesy Meatball Bites**

Ingredients:

- 1 8oz can crescent rolls
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup marinara sauce
- 12 meatballs (pre-made frozen work)

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray a regular sized muffin pan with non-stick spray. Unroll crescent dough. Divide dough so that you have 12 squares total. Press each square into one of the muffin cups, doing your best to press down into the cup and somewhat up the edges. Spoon about 2 teaspoons of marinara sauce into the bottom of each crescent dough cup. Follow with a spoonful of mozzarella cheese. Place 1 meatball (they can be frozen still, no need to pre-thaw) into the center of each cup. Spoon another 2 teaspoons of marinara sauce on top of the meatball, then finish with more mozzarella cheese. Bake for 15-17 minutes, until the crescent dough is golden brown, and cheese is bubbling. Remove from the oven. Let cool for a few minutes, then remove each meatball bite from the muffin pan. Serve with additional marinara sauce.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITERS OF THE MONTH

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representatives, Patrick Young and Doug Atwater as the top membership recruiters in July. Each agent signed two new Associate Members. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.



Doug Atwater

Patrick Young

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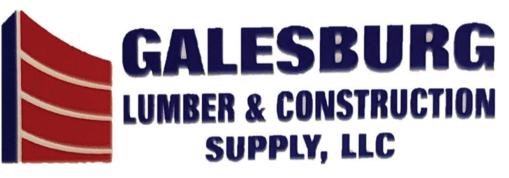
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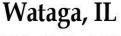
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