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A Busy Summer for Knox County Farm Bureau Intern

Through the past couple months, I have had a great experience working as the Knox County Farm Bureau 2022 Summer Intern! I started my internship by going to the Illinois Farm Bureau Summer Intern Seminar at the home office in Bloomington, IL.

While I was there, I had the opportunity to meet all of the Farm Bureau summer interns across the state as well as meet and discuss various topics with representatives from the home office. This experience opened my eyes to the possibilities within Illinois Farm Bureau. After the seminar, I began working in the Knox County Farm Bureau office. In the beginning, my tasks consisted of typical office work in addition to attending various meetings.

I attended three marketing club meeting and learned something new at each one. I also had the opportunity to attend a Prime Timers meeting where I got to learn how Innkeepers roasts their coffee beans inhouse. I also attended the Young Farmers

meeting and lake social at Oak Run. This was not my first Young Farmers meeting and it will not be my last as I really enjoy everything this group does for the youth in the county. Furthermore, I was grateful for the opportunity to sit in during the Knox County Farm Bureau board meetings. Learning about all Knox County Farm Bureau organizes and does for the community gave me a greater appreciation for the work and time the board members put in.

As the Knox County Fair began, I helped represent Knox County Farm Bureau at the livestock shows and was impressed with the turn out. I was also kept busy helping in the ring during the cattle shows. The Knox County 4-H Fair is when I really got busy. Between helping broadcast the livestock shows for Walton Webcasting, I helped do various activities with the Knox County Farm Bureau. On Monday night, I helped with the tractor driving contest, which the Young Farmers organizes, before help-



ing set up and serve ice cream, generously donated by Prairie Farms, at the Alumni Showmanship.

The Alumni Showmanship went very well and we served a lot of ice cream to the youth, family, and friends. After the conclusion of the livestock shows on Tuesday, we began our annual Ag Olympics which started with a balloon scramble for the young kids. Then we had about 15 teams of youth compete in lassoing a Young Farmer, piggy back barrel racing, and a water balloon toss. The youth seemed to have a lot of fun during Ag Olympics before having more fun in the annual wash rack water fight. I enjoyed watching all of the kids bonding and having fun together just as I did when I was younger.

The last event I helped plan was the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Golf Outing. The Golf Outing went well as the weather was beautiful and Oak Run was extremely helpful. Everyone had a lot of fun

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Fair Winners



The Knox County Farm Bureau sponsored the Grand Champion Steer Premium and Banner at the Knox County Fair. Pictured is Vice President Nathan Link with winner, Peyton Kies.

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation sponsored the Premium and Banner for the Grand Champion Wether and Breeding Goat at the Knox County Fair. Elsie Link, daughter of KCFB Foundation President Rob Link filled in for the picture with winner Madilyn Pruett. Madilyn won both divisions.





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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Beefing up the freezer stocks

Every summer, we defrost the 30-cubicfoot chest freezer, pulling its contents and removing the frosty ice chunks in preparation for the annual supply of beef from our family farm. We receive up to 200 pounds of steaks, roasts and ground products by August, all harvested, processed and frozen by our local family butcher. Since my ability to chew ground beef, I have dined on "freezer beef," or local-sourced beef in bulk quantities equivalent to a quarter, half or whole animal raised on the farm.

On our farm, we raise cattle like Grandpa did - from birth on both grass and grain, providing a combination of flavor and qual-

ity that is signature of American-raised beef. The main difference: We raise beef more efficiently with improved genetics and growth technologies. Within the last 60 years, the U.S. beef industry has reduced emissions per pound of beef by more than 40% while producing 60% more beef per animal, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. A top protein source, beef also supplies 10 essential nutrients like iron, zinc and B-vitamins. And cattle farmers care, making beef a meal choice to feel great about.

My family does. On weekends, a couple chuck roasts smoke low and slow for nine hours for a barbecue-inspired meal. I equally love my time-saving microwave cooker, which takes a pound of ground beef from frozen to browned in 7.5 minutes for a quick taco meal. Under-rated for nutrition, ground beef contains eight times more Vitamin B12, six times more zinc and more than two times more iron compared to chicken.

While we may feast on our own farmraised beef, so do those who shop grocery stores or dine at restaurants. We raise only a couple calves to process locally for freezer beef. Most of our cattle are sold at market, destined as beef for restaurants and grocery stores, providing the nutrition-packed protein for those who lack the space or desire to buy beef in bulk.

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While grocery store shoppers have the option to buy certain cuts repeatedly, we live on the variety and quantity of steaks, roasts and ground products that cut from a quarter of the animal. That means the deep freezer in the garage dictates home-cooked meals around our house. We welcome the annual summertime replenishment of freezer beef, which resets the menu.

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.

YLs Tractor & Lawnmower Driving Contest Winners

The Tractor and Lawnmower Driving Contest sponsored by the Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers committee was held on July 15th during the 4-H Fair at the Knox County Fairgrounds. The participants had to take a written safety test and drive either the lawnmower or tractor course.

The winners of the lawnmower driving contest were Fletcher Onion-1st Place, and Clay Golinghorst- 2nd Place. Matt Maher won the tractor driving



Fletcher Onion



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Clay Golinghorst

Matt Maher

sponsoring the trophies and to AcMCartney's and Martin for the mower and tractor.

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and being an inexperienced golfer, I learned a lot about golf. After the golfers finished, we enjoyed some delicious food at the Watering Hole and gave out awards. I had fun organizing the golf outing as well as watching everyone golf during the day. I was also excited to see all the money we raised for the Ag in the Classroom program as it holds so much value for the young kids in our county.

As the summer comes to an end, I will be busy getting ready for school and at the Illinois State Fair doing a variety of things. I have enjoyed my time as the Knox County Farm Bureau Summer Intern as it has been not only fun, but also a great learning experience. I would like to thank Hailey Weyhrich and Kim Johnson for being great mentors to me while I was in the office as they were easy to work with

and they made this experience a great one. I would also like to thank the Knox County Farm Bureau Board members as they go underappreciated everyday. Furthermore, the Farm Bureau organization relies heavily on its members and I see so much value in being a member.

I am excited to go back to the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana in a few weeks, but I plan to still stay connected to my Knox County agriculture roots.

Thank You, Katelyn Engel Knox County Farm Bureau Intern



Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

37. EMINENT DOMAIN

We will seek legislation providing:

- 1. That a public hearing be held before any land could be optioned or purchased by a public body for any purpose.
- 2. That property owners' rights should be fully explained at the hearing.
- 3. That at least 60 days prior to the hearing, the public body proposing the acquisition send written notice of its intentions to property owners whose land would be taken or damaged.
- 4. For a cause of action and standing for nearby landowners in court cases involving eminent domain. This should allow landowners in the impacted area the opportunity to seek monetary damages when their property values are adversely affected by such acquisi-
- 5. The elimination of eminent domain being used to acquire property for recreational uses.

We support:

- 1. Legislation to restrict the use of eminent domain to acquire property for wetlands mitigation, buffer zones, water diversion, or retention as part of a river flood management plan.
- 2. Restricting the use of eminent domain by a public utility for the installation of pipelines and other utilities.
- 3. Legislation in which fair market value compensation of private property taken as a part of an eminent domain proceeding receives an exemption from capital gains taxes.

We oppose:

- 1. The granting of quick-take powers to economic development authorities.
- 2. The use of eminent domain to acquire properties intended for future sale.
- 3. The use of eminent domain in the taking of private property for the purpose of economic development by private parties.
 - 4. The use of eminent domain for the pur-

poses of economic development when the project inquestion has not received approval for construction.

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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 21, 2022.

Education & Outreach - Lori Engel Nothing new to report.

Farm Business - Brian Nelson

A 2022 Plat Book is available for sale 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 2022 Quota Program has been set and KCFB needs 1890 Associate Members and 842 Voting Members.

Young Farmers - Tyler Main

Young Farmers met on June 9 for their monthly meeting. Tractor and Lawnmower Driving Contest is Monday, July 18 at 6PM of the 4-H Fair. Ag Olympics will be Tuesday, July 19 following the last show of the day.

PrimeTimers - Hailey Weyhrich

PrimeTimers met on June 21 for their monthly meeting at InnKeeper's in Galesburg for lunch and a tour. The next monthly meeting is August 16 not July 19.

Foundation - Hailey Weyhrich

The 2022 KCFB Foundation Golf Outing will be held on July 29 at Oak Run Golf Course. The Foundation Board will meet on August 23.

KAC - Hailey Weyhrich

The Agri Center Board will meet on August 23.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

Prospective members were reviewed. The KCFB Foundation will be hosting their 6th Annual Golf Outing on July 29 at 8AM at Oak Run Golf Course.

KCFB Board Attendance 2022

	May	June	July
Beard, Jennifer	С	Р	Р
Bewley, Beau	С	Р	Р
Bollivar, Jason	-	-	Р
Courson, Dustin	С	Р	Р
DeSutter, Drew	С	Р	Α
Emken, Kurt	С	Р	Α
Engel, Lori	С	Р	Р
Goedeke, Phil	С	Р	Р
Grady, Jeff	С	Р	Р
King, Becky	С	Α	Α
Link, Cory	С	Р	Р
Link, Nathan	С	Α	Р
Nelson, Brian	С	Р	Р
O'Connor, Tom	С	Р	Р
Shea, Damon	С	Α	Α
Stevens, Monica	С	Р	Α
Underwood, Kyle	С	Р	Р

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(A) Absent (C) Cancelled

(P) Present

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Don Teel Scholarship 2022 Recipients

The recipients of the Don Teel Scholarship we announced and awarded on July 19 during the 4-H Livestock Sale at the Knox County Fairgrounds. Each recipient will receive a \$750.00 scholarship for college.

This year's winners were:

Molly Warner of Williamsfield, a Williamsfield Town & Country 4-H Club Member. She is a 2022 Williamsfield High School graduate. She plans to attend Iowa Wesleyan this fall. Molly is the daughter of Nancy Warner.

Ashlyn Murdock of Wataga, a Wataga Trailblazers 4-H Club Member. She is 2022 ROWVA High School graduate. She plans to attend the University of Illinois this fall. Ashlyn is the daughter of Bill and Angie Murdock.

Hayden Beard of Dahinda, a Williamsfield Town & Country 4-H Club Member. He memory of Mr. Don Teel,



Molly Warner, Dan Teel, Hayden Beard, Ashlyn Murdock

is a 2022 Williamsfield High School graduate. He plans to attend Western Illinois University this fall. Hayden is the son of Jason and Jennifer

This scholarship is in

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.

Golf Outing Raises Funds For **Knox County FB Foundation**

At 8:00 am on Friday, July 29th we kicked off our 6th Annual Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Golf Outing. We had eight teams compete and nine sponsors.

The teams competed in 18 holes of golf in addition to longest drive, longest put, and closest to the pin competitions. After they were finished, the teams enjoyed a delicious pulled pork lunch at the Watering Hole provided by the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation.

The winning team consisting of Blake Hennenfent, David Hennenfent, Jeff Hennenfent, and Matt Hennenfent, scored seven under with the Closest to the Pin award going to Katie Grady, the Longest Drive award going to Dustin Courson, and the Longest Putt award going to David Hennenfent. We would also like to give a big thanks to all our sponsors who helped make the golf outing possible.

Thanks to our Harvester sponsor (\$250), West Central FS, our Cultivator sponsors (\$100), Anderson State

Bank, Birkeys Farm Sore, Farmers State Bank, Galesburg Hospitals Ambulance Service, Tompkins State Bank, and Whittney & Potts Ltd., as well as our Seed Sower sponsors (\$50), A.C. McCartney and Compton Accounting.

All of the money raised from this event will go towards our Ag in the Classroom program, fund scholarships for local students, and facilitate our summer internship program. We are grateful for everyone who was involved in making this event possible and hope to continue growing this event in future years.



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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department

Knox County Health Department Announces the Start of the Energy Assistance Program

The Knox County Health Department is pleased to announce that funds are available to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane and electric bills and furnace assistance. The department will begin scheduling appointments for Knox County residents on Monday, August 22, 2022. Residents may schedule appointments by calling, 309-344-2224, or walking into the Health Department (1361 W. Fremont St, Galesburg, IL), between 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday-Friday. All customers will be asked to wear a mask upon entering the building.

The program will begin September 1, 2022, for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis through May 31, 2023. There will be no priority groups this program household members for the prior 30-day peyear. Households in need are encouraged to apply.

Households must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level to receive a benefit from the LIHEAP Program. Beginning September 1, 2022, there will be an option to accept a one-time payment to your utility provider, or to enroll in PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) which consists of a monthly benefit you will receive as long as you make your monthly payment that will be determined at the time of intake. PIPP is available for LIHEAP eligible households who are customers of Ameren Illinois. PIPP applications are taken from September 1, 2022, until the Knox County Health Department has reached the maximum capacity of households for the program or until May 31, 2023. The 30-day income guidelines for LIHEAP and PIPP are based on Federal Poverty Guidelines, State Median Income and the number of persons living in the household. The income guidelines are as follows: 1-\$2,265, 2-\$3,052, 3-\$3,838, 4-4,625. Go our Facebook page, Knox County Health

> Recipe of the Month Baked Western **Omelet**

Ingredients:

8 large eggs

1 cup milk

½ teaspoon seasoned salt

34 cup diced cooked ham

½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

½ cup finely chopped onion

½ cup finely chopped green bell ½ cup finely chopped red bell

Optional garnish: chopped fresh parsley or chives

Instructions:

- 1. Whisk together eggs, milk, and seasoned salt in a large bowl. Stir in ham, cheese, onion, and bell peppers.
- 2. Pour egg mixture into a greased 8-inch-square baking dish.
- 3. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes – 1 hour, or until eggs are cooked and the omelet is
- 4. Cut into squares and garnish with chives, if desired.

Department/Knox Community Health Center to see income limits for households with 5 members and more.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides one-time benefits to income eligible homeowners and renters to help with energy bills and for reconnection of energy service. Propane customers are encouraged to apply when the program opens in September to take greater advantage of lower propane prices. Propane prices typically increase during the winter months so by applying early propane customers will see their LIHEAP benefit go further.

To apply, you MUST submit ALL documentation required:

- Proof of gross income from all riod beginning with the date of application.
- Proof of Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without an SSN or ITIN can still apply, and the department will advise accordingly.
- A copy of current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days.
- A copy of rental agreement (if renting) showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount and landlord contact.
- Other documents may be needed based on your household situation.

Please call the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 for outreach locations/schedules and for information on what documents are needed to apply.



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- Save money by purchasing propane at a lower rate per gallon in September and Ocotober
- Avoid costly reconnection & safety inspection fees
- Help prevent propane shortages

Call the Knox County Health Department starting August 22nd at 309-344-2224 to schedule an appointment





Looking Back



August 1982

Lillian King (L) and Ruth Ann Link (R) pour a "milk snack" during the Summer Playground Program held this summer. The program is sponsored by the Knox County Cooperative Extension Service, and the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee provided assistance and snacks through their American Dairy Association Dairy Grant. Through each program, children learned crafts, have a lesson, and enjoy a nutritious snack together.



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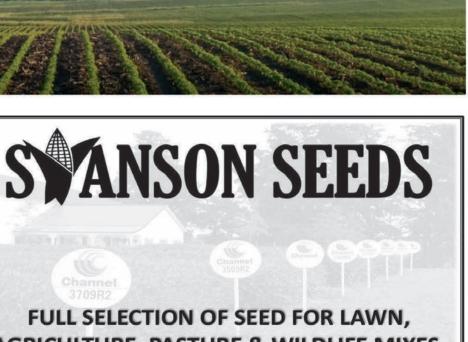
The next meeting will be on August 16 at the Knox Agri Center at Noon. Please call the office to be added to the mailing list if you would like to join. Members 55 and older are welcome to join!

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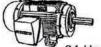


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