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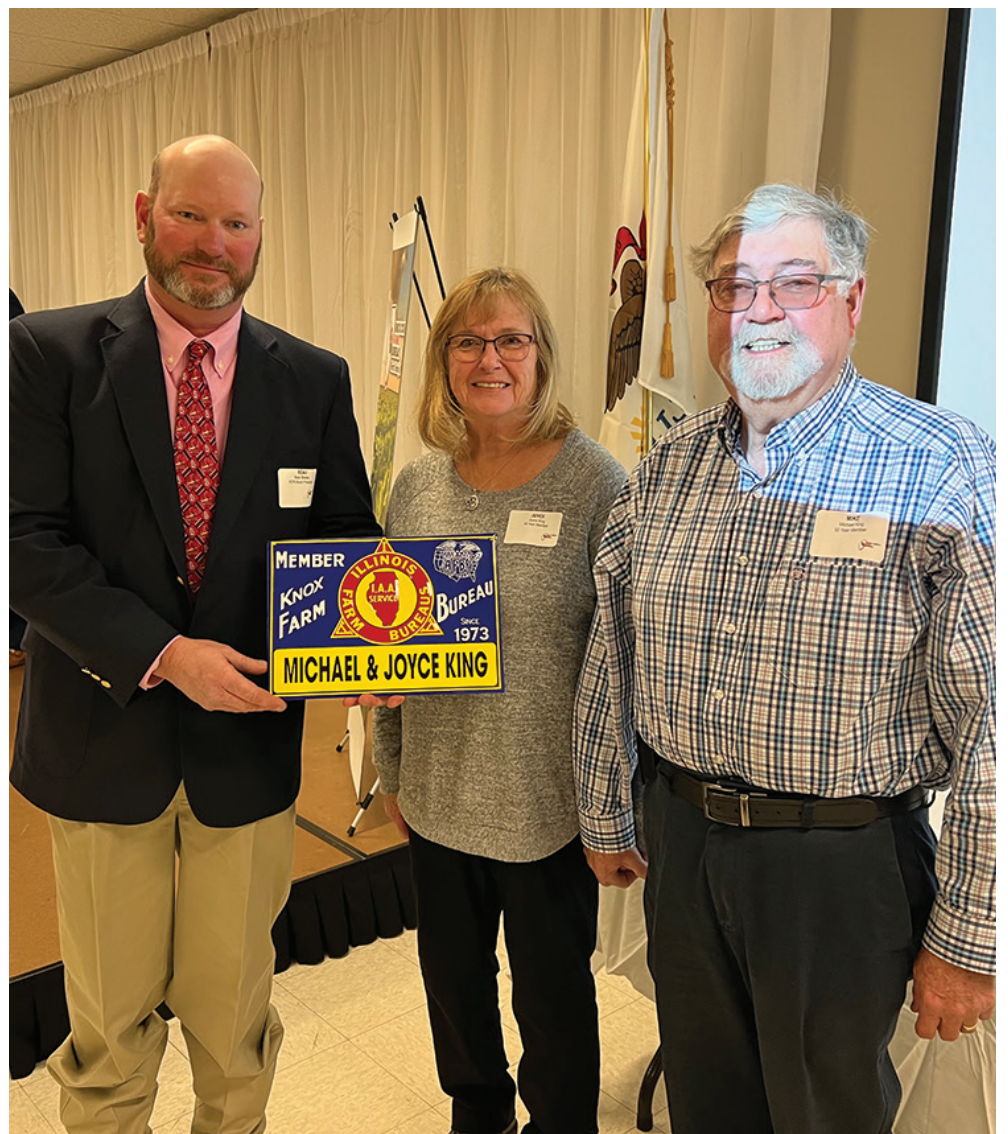
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We are the 96%
Families dominate Illinois farms

My mental pauses on the farm often arrive at sunrise, sunset and the moments when family is most accentuated on the farm. Harvest brings those experiences together: My dad and brother run the combines. My son and I operate the tractors with grain auger carts. A long-time employee who watched me grow up on the farm hauls grain, as does his son, a cousin and a local truck driver, all who now watch my kids grow up on the farm.



My daughter takes turns with our cousin's wife to weigh grain trucks at our storage facility. My nephew replaces me in the tractor after football practice, and my mom manages the bills and delivers meals around sunset to keep our farm running and bodies fueled.

Family defines the farm. Family members make the decisions that care for the land and animals. They carry out the work, uphold the commitment to community and plan for the next generation.

We are the 96%. Families like ours operate 96% of farms in the state, and Illinois agriculture groups have designated 2023 the "Year of the Farmer" to proclaim this statistic. The celebration intends to debunk a disconcerting myth: A consumer survey indicates that people believe corporations run most farms and that families only run 47% of the Illinois farms they see.

To the contrary, I see Matt grow grain and beef with his brother and nephews, Kevin farm with his brother and their wives, and Alan with his dad and sister. Lori farms with her husband, Ron with his daughter and brothers, and Jay with his mom, wife, brother and teenage kids.

Families dominate farm ownership across Illinois, home to more than 70,000 family farms of all sizes. Some farms support small families; some big families.

Regardless of size, most will tell you that welcoming the next generation requires careful planning and often profitable expansion to provide a livelihood for another household.

Family farms look different than decades ago. Our tractors are bigger. Adoption of technology has evolved. Metal-sided buildings replace wood barns. But families still run farms and carry the wisdom and spirit of generations that worked the

land before them to grow our food. When people visit the grocery store in 2023, we want at least 96% of them to shop confidently, knowing that families operate almost every farm in Illinois.

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

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4. The establishment of statewide standards for commercial BESS systems that provide adequate protection of public health and safety, protect private property rights, and allow for reasonable development of BESS projects. Such standards should include, but are not limited to, property setbacks, other siting issues, performance bonds, and ensuring adequate

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5. Efforts to locate BESS projects on marginal or underused lands, including brownfield sites, and on IDNR non-tillable properties rather than highly productive, tillable farmland.
6. County Farm Bureau efforts to work with their county officials and local SWCDs to develop appropriate BESS land use regulations for their county.
7. Counties granting local SWCDs the right to inspect violations of any county land use regulations or to identify violations of any required AIMA provisions during construction, maintenance, and deconstruction. The cost to SWCDs for providing service to the county should be borne by the BESS developer.
8. Requiring a comprehensive drainage plan to be developed for farmland where surface or subsurface drainage will be impacted as a result of the construction, maintenance, or deconstruction of a


proposed BESS.

9. Requiring an AIMA to be filed with IDOA for all BESS projects and allows for the enforcement of the AIMA by IDOA when the agreement has been violated by stopping the project until the violation has been corrected.
10. Requiring BESS developers, contractors, and subcontractors to be informed of the requirements of any signed AIMA and maintain a copy at the BESS site.
11. BESS being constructed, maintained, and operated in accordance with the original equipment manufacturer's guidance and national industry standards and regulations. BESS shall comply with the most current adopted edition of the National Electric Safety Code and the International Fire Code.
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Prep your Winter Emergency Weather Kit before snow hits

You're probably familiar with emergency kits, but have you ever considered packing a shovel in your trunk or hauling around a bag of kitty litter? How about a jar of peanut butter?

Hauling that shovel could come in handy if your car ever lands in a ditch. And having that cat litter on standby could offer the much-needed traction you'd need to dig it out. As for the peanut butter, when you burn all those calories digging through the snow, a jar of peanut butter could provide some nourishment in a pinch.

Better safe than sorry

Winter weather can turn a routine trip into a dangerous situation, but being prepared can make the difference between life and death when facing hypothermia. No one plans to be marooned roadside, but with severe weather looming, it's

always a possibility. Be ready for Jack Frost with a Winter Emergency Weather Kit.

Consider the basics:

- First Aid Kit
- Cell phone and car charger
- Flashlight with new batteries
- Candle with matches or lighter
- Ice scraper and snow brush
- Shovel
- Hazard sign or brightly colored flag
- Cat litter or sand
- Bottled water and non-perishable food items

- Warm clothing, winter boots, gloves
- Blanket
- Battery jump pack or jumper cables

If you live in a rural area or are taking a longer trip, your needs may be different so consider adding a few extra items to your kit.

Add-on items:

- Flares and emergency strobes
- Light sticks
- Disposable hand warmers
- Toilet paper
- Basic tool kit

· Tire Chains/Tow Rope

You can also buy readymade kits in stores and online. Make sure whatever you buy includes the basics. Also update your kit twice a year to ensure your supplies and tools are in good working order.

AGENT SPOTLIGHT



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	January	February	March
Beard, Jennifer	P		
Bewley, Beau	P		
Bollivar, Jason	P		
Courson, Dustin	A		
DeSutter, Drew	P		
Emken, Kurt	A		
Engel, Lori	P		
Goedeke, Phil	P		
Grady, Jeff	P		
King, Becky	A		
Link, Cory	P		
Link, Nathan	P		
Nelson, Brian	P		
O'Connor, Tom	P		
Shea, Damon	P		
Stevens, Monica	P		
Underwood, Kyle	P		

- (P) Present
- (A) Absent
- (C) Cancelled

January Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on January 19, 2023.

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel

The last Adult AITC program was held January 17, 2023, at 6PM. The program was by Farm to Wick. The 16 participants made soy candles.

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. There is a Legislative Luncheon scheduled for March.

Member Relations – Jeff Grady

The 2023 quota program has been released.

Young Farmers – Tyler Main

IFB Young Leaders conference was held January 20-22 in Peoria. There were 7-10 Young Farmers signed up to attend.

PrimeTimers – Hailey Hennenfent

The PrimeTimers met January 17, 2023, for their Program of Work planning session and catered meal. Their next event will be February 21, 2023.

Foundation – Hailey Hennenfent

2023 Internship and scholarship applications are due February 10, 2023.

KAC – Hailey Hennenfent

The 2023 budget has been set. KAC is currently working on getting a new roof.

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

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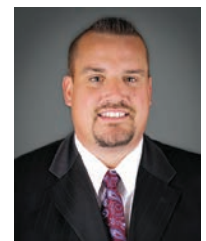
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New Program Alert!

The Knox County Farm Bureau Education & Outreach Task Force has created a new program called Adult Ag in the Classroom. This program was created in hopes that members knowledge and opportunities can grow! So far, two classes have been held. Participants have made Christmas wreaths and soy candles. A Spring class is in the works! Stay tuned to the website and our Facebook page for more details.



Rules For The Road Seminar March 15

Illinois Farm Bureau will host a series of two-hour programs focusing on transportation laws and regulations as they pertain to the agricultural industry.

Knox County Farm Bureau will host one of the sessions on March 15 at 6PM at the Knox Agri Center.

The Rules for the Road Seminar will cover recent changes, as well as some of the more established but still misunderstood rules. Topics will include the USDOT Number, UCR registration, Entry Level Driver Training, and driver's license classifications, to name a few. In addition, one of the events will also be broadcast virtually on March 1st at 6 pm.

"These presentations take a closer look at the rules and provide an op-

portunity for farmers to ask ag-related trucking questions that they can't seem to find clear answers for," said Rodney Knittel, IFB Assistant Director of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Knittel specializes in farm transportation issues and will lead the seminar series and will be joined by Illinois enforcement agencies.

Rules for the Road seminars are open to all Illinois Farm Bureau members. Attendance is free, courtesy of the Knox County Farm Bureau and Illinois Farm Bureau, but advance registration is required. Please call your local county farm bureau to reserve your place at the Rules for the Road Seminar.

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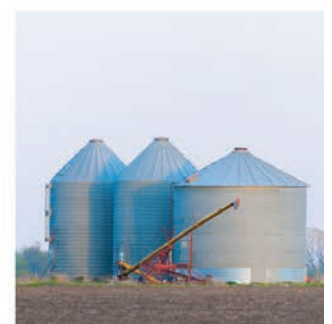
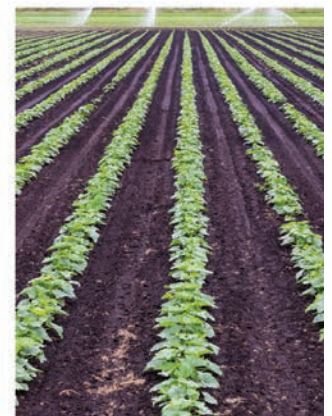
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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



Quick Tips for Parents Concerning Children's Dental Health Month

The Knox Community Health Center is proud to offer quick tips for parents on children's dental health. Maintaining good oral hygiene and taking care of teeth is essential for a healthy lifestyle, especially in the developmental years.

Taking care of your child's teeth is one of the best ways to ensure a healthy life. When it comes to taking care of children's dental health, it is essential for parents to start early by teaching proper habits that will stick with their kids long-term. They should make sure that children are drinking plenty of water throughout the day, which helps rinse away sugar and bacteria in the mouth. Limiting sugary foods and drinks like candy cookies, cake, pop, and juices is another vital step toward keeping kids' mouths healthy. These foods can contribute to tooth decay if consumed too frequently or in large quantities. Finally regular check-ups should be a part of every family routine.

By bringing your child in for check-ups dentists can provide helpful prevention tips such as:

- The bottle is not a pacifier! It is important not to let your child fall asleep with the bottle.
- 100% all-natural juice still contains sugar. While natural juices do not have added sugar, they still contain naturally occurring sugar. These juices can cause cavities, so it is important to limit the amount and frequency that your child is having. Tip: if they are going to have juice, pair it with mealtime.
- Saliva has 'cooties'. Cavity causing bacteria and viruses can easily spread through saliva. Often, parents will share their food and spoons during meals. Avoid sharing straws and utensils because they can help spread these 'cooties' to your child. For example, if a parent has an active cold sore at the time, that can be spread to the baby as well.
- Early prevention visits are key, waiting for toothaches and emergencies are never the best first dental visits. If your child has not had their teeth checked

yet, bring them to your local dentist for a fun light hearted regular dental exam.

The Knox County Health Department and Knox County Community Health Center remind everyone to take care of their teeth. Good brushing and flossing habits, starting at an early age can lead to a lifetime of healthy teeth. Children should brush their teeth with the help of an adult at least twice a day and floss at least once a day.

Recipe of the Month ~ Potato Kielbasa Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound kielbasa, cut into ½ inch pieces
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ cup finely diced yellow onion
- ½ cup peeled and finely diced carrots (2 large)
- ½ cup finely sliced celery (2-3 stalks)
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 ½ pounds potatoes, cut into cubes
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- ½ cup shredded parmesan cheese
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ cup chopped parsley



Instructions:

1. Add olive oil to a Dutch oven or soup pot and heat over medium-high heat. Add the sausage and cook for 5-6 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove the sausage using a slotted spoon.
2. Add garlic, onions, carrots, and celery and sauté for 2 minutes.
3. Add the chicken stock and potatoes. Bring to boil and then reduce heat. Cover and cook for 15 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender.
4. Add the cooked sausage, milk, cheddar cheese, parmesan cheese, salt and pepper. Stir and cook on low heat 5-10 minutes longer, until the cheese has melted.
5. Stir in parsley before serving.

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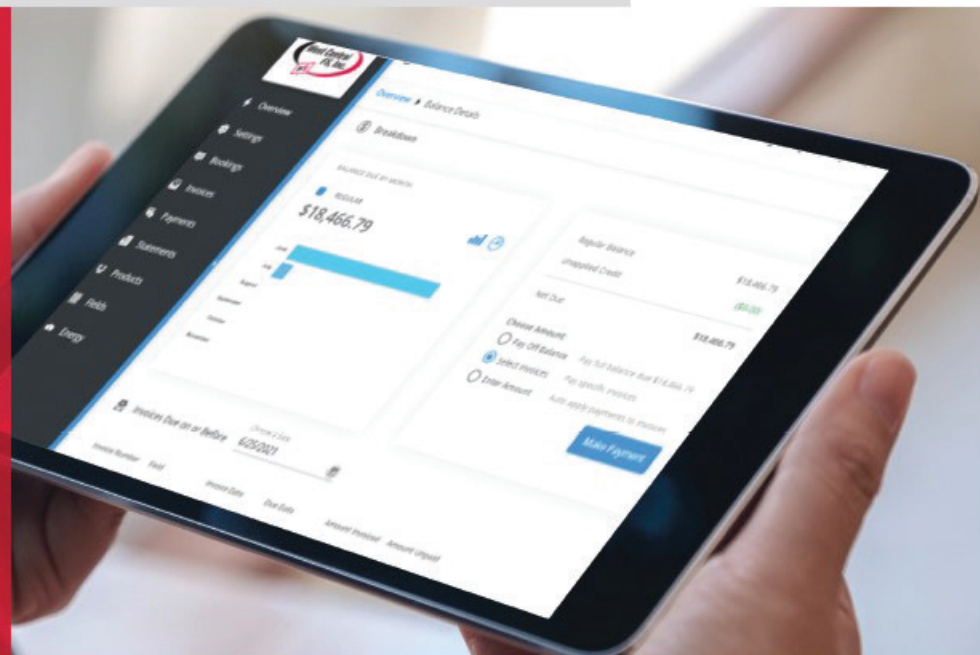
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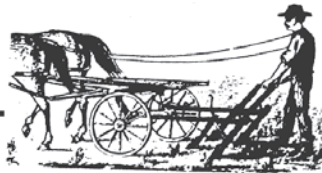


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Looking Back



Looking Back – February 2001

A delegation from Knox County attended the 2001 Young Leaders Conference, "B to B For Your Family and Future," at the Springfield Hilton, February 2-4 in Springfield. Pictured from left to right, Tim and Jamie Carlson of Galesburg, Janelle and Jay West of Victoria, Todd West of Victoria, Matt Hennenfent of Gilson, and John Spangler, IFB District 8 Young Leaders representative.

PrimeTimers News

PrimeTimers will meet on February 21 for their monthly meeting potluck and speaker. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to pass. 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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