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Erickson Awarded IFBs Highest Honor

David Erickson has been awarded the 2021 Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Charles B. Shuman Distinguished Service Award. The award, the highest given by IFB, was presented during the organization's annual meeting in Chicago, Dec. 4-7.

Erickson is best known for his leadership roles in agricultural associations at both the state and national level. The Knox County farmer has been honored for his contributions to Illinois Farm Bureau, having served as vice president of the organization from 2014-2017.

Prior to his election as vice president, Erickson served on the Knox County Farm Bureau board of directors from 2009-2014, and as president from 2012-2014. Additionally, he has been involved with the Illinois FFA as secretary-treasurer and as chairman of the Illinois FFA Foundation.

Erickson has also been involved in leadership at the national level, serving as president and chairman of the board of directors for the American Soybean Association. He has also served as president of the Illinois Soybean Association.

In 2005, Erickson earned the American FFA Degree and received the State 4-H Alumni Recognition Award from Illinois 4-H. In 2003, he was named Master Farmer by Prairie Farmer and Farm Progress Publications and provided advice served as president of both IFB and of the as a Profit Planner Panelist for Prairie

Farmer Magazine.

An active community member, Erickson is an avid volunteer in the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Altona. He has held numerous leadership roles in his community, including past director of the Oneida Telephone and Cablevision Companies, the Knox County Zoning Board of Appeals and past chairman of the Galesburg Cottage Hospital Board of Trustees. He also served on the board of directors for Midwest Bank of Western Illinois, Unit #10 Extension Council and the Knox County Board. Erickson is currently the vice president of the Galesburg Community Foundation and serves on numerous committees for the organization.

Erickson and his wife, Nancy, farm and operate a farm management business. They have one son, Adam. Erickson is a graduate of Western Illinois University with a B.S. in agricultural education. He taught vocational agriculture and was an FFA Advisor for four years before beginning his farming career.

The Distinguished Service Award provides an opportunity for Illinois Farm Bureau to recognize an individual who has given a lifetime of exemplary leadership and service to agriculture to a major segment of the state and/or nation. This award honors the memory and service of Charles B. Shuman, a revered Moultrie County farm leader who American Farm Bureau Federation.

Ag Ed Coordinator Position Available

The Knox County Farm Bureau is actively searching to fill its Agricultural Education Coordinator position.

The Agricultural Education Coordinator will be responsible for providing and creating science-based curriculum material, presentations, monthly classroom lessons, and training opportunities to audiences Third grade through Fifth grade throughout Knox County. The coordinator will be responsible for agricultural, environmental, natural resource programs and other curriculum. The full position description is available on our website.

Qualifications of this position include strong leadership and organizational skills, excellent verbal and written communication skills, and strong public speaking abilities. Physical requirements include the ability to drive to and from classrooms, coordinate lessons, and some light lifting of materials. A Bachelor of Science degree in teaching and/or agriculture is preferred. Classroom management experience is preferred but not required. Qualified candidates can submit a cover letter and resume to Hailey Weyhrich, knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org by 4:30 pm on January 28, 2022. Selected candidates will be contacted for an interview by Hailey Wevhrich. Inquiries about the position may be made to Hailey Weyhrich, Manager, Knox County Farm Bureau at (309) 342-2036 or knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org

Notice! Knox County Farm Bureau **Annual Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the voting members of the Knox County Farm Bureau will be held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to elect directors and if approved confirm the reports of the officers for the year ending November 30, 2021; and for the transactions of such business, including an amendment to the bylaws, as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at Galesburg, Illinois on January 1, 2022.

Jeanne Bernick to Headline Women in Ag

The Women in Agriculture Conference committee is excited to be back in person for this year's 2022 Women in Agriculture Conference. Jeanne Bernick will headline the10th annual Women in Agriculture Conference in Rock Island on Friday, March 25, 2022. Bernick is an agri-business consultant and market Growth Leader for the national business advisory firm, K-Coe Isom.

She offers depth of industry insights and works alongside clients with financial tools that help keep their farms and businesses not just viable but thriving. Her presentation "How Women Change the World One Farm at a Time" will focus on how the world is changing for the better as more women are coming back to their agricultural roots. Bernick will provide tips and tricks on leading as a woman working in agriculture. She also co-authored the book, "Ceres Rising: How Women are Leading Farm Business."

The keynote speaker will be followed by a variety of breakout sessions as well as a buffet lunch.

Closing out the conference is Dr. Kim Kidwell, Associate Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. She is a proud Alumna of ACES where she earned a bachelor's degree in both genetics, develop-



ment, and agriculture sciences. She received her masters and Ph.D. in plant breeding and genetics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She will speak on "Women Changing Agriculture" and highlight how women have served as the heartbeat of agriculture since civilization.

Pre-registration for the event begins January 10,2022. More details can be found at womeninagricultureconference.com This Conference is sponsored by the Farm Bureau Women in Agriculture Conference Committee.

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

Bryan & Amy Jehling Hollie Nelson Susan Evans Gary & Brenda Lindsey Kayla Armbright Samantha Axcell Michael Scott Amanda Snodgrass Roger & Mindy Thurman



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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Winter brings extra chores for animal care We had only one item on our Black Fri-

day shopping list: a metal poultry fountain. It didn't satisfy any Christmas wishes, but it was freezing outside, and the chickens needed water, not ice, from their drinking water dispenser. The new container's galvanized metal construction allowed it to rest atop a heated base. We purchased the drinker with a 20% off coupon, and the kids' laying hens now have thawed water until the last freeze of spring.

Responsibility ranks the primary reason that the kids raise chickens. Since elementary school, they have understood the obligation of having another life depend on them. And no matter the species – cattle, pigs, sheep, goats or chickens – they know that livestock have no regard for homework loads, basketball schedules or holiday weekends. Vacations require hiring a caretaker. Snowy and sub-zero days demand shovels and layers to handle the task. Raining? That's why we have rubber boots.

Livestock farmers generally dread the weather events that cancel school, such as snow, ice, sub-zero temperatures and especially wind associated with any of those. When winter weather lengthens chore time, I suggest that the kids put life in perspective. Their grandpa manually thawed cattle water tanks with wood-fired cowboy heaters when he was a kid. He helped his dad prepare cabless tractors for winter with tire chains and heat housers, or a plastic and vinyl liner that captured heat from the engine to warm the driver. And you had to take breaks inside to regain feeling in your extremities.

Now, energy-free cattle drinkers operate nearly maintenance free and have built-in

electric heaters. Heated cabs and fourwheel drive options on tractors make winter chores more efficient and comfortable. Even winter work boots are engineered so well that light-weight summer socks will suffice.

Heavy snowfall today could mean digging paths to cattle, scooping outdoor feed bunks or keeping the electricity on for hog barns to maintain heat and ventilation. Just as the pandemic caused people to stock masks and toilet paper, the record-breaking snows of the 1970s prompted our farm to own a snowmobile and tractor-mounted snowblower, the type that moves 4-foot drifts. I rather hope for calm, quiet nights that keep this piece of equipment in the shed.

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 and backyard chickens.

Knox County FB Honored During IFB Annual Meeting

Knox County Farm Bureau was recently recognized during the 107th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau for their outstanding programming during 2019 and 2020.

The Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for recognition of outstanding achievement by individual members and county Farm Bureaus (CFBs). Counties compete for awards with other counties of similar membership size. Awards are given for five county groups:

• Group I — counties with 1,350

- and fewer members
- Group II counties with 1,351 to 1,900 members
- Group III counties with 1,901 to 2,800 members
- Group IV counties with 2,801 to 5,500 members
- Group V counties with 5,501 or more members

Awards given have been evaluated under the County Activities of Excellence (CAE) program.

The goals of the CAE program are to recognize CFBs for program excellence, encourage & assist CFBs in setting goals and priorities, inspire and promote innovative programming to meet member needs, promote programming in key areas, and to provide a resource to counties for the purpose of developing new programs.

The Excellence Award is given to the county with the most outstanding project for each program area. Excellence Awards encompassed ten program areas: Ag Literacy, Farm Income and Development, Health and Safety, Advocacy, Local Affairs, Engagement and Outreach, Membership Value, Multi-County, Membership Value, Foundation and Young Leaders.

Additionally, three additional awards are given to recognize outstanding efforts by



CFBs:

New Horizon Award – To encourage new and innovative programs;

Liberty Bell Award – To recognize outstanding efforts on issues of public policy impacting state and local Farm Bureau organizational priorities;

Pinnacle Award – Highest-level award

2022 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Executive Committee Members Chosen

The Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Young Leader Committee has elected its 2022 given to the most outstanding county in each membership group to recognize overall program excellence as it relates to the County Farm Bureau's goals and priorities.

Knox County Farm Bureau was recently awarded the New Horizon Award for the Young Farmers Cover Crop Project.

program of the IFB that allows members to promote agriculture, attend conferences

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Thank You KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU Knox County Pork Producers Association 65th Annual Meeting. Friday, January 21, 2022, at 6:30 pm. At Lake Storey Pavilion. Please RSVP to Brenda Schubbe at 309-484-2005, by Jan. 17, 2022. executive committee members.

The executive committee members, which include Chairman Aaron Mitchell of Winnebago County, Vice Chair Gracelynn Dale of Bureau County, Secretary Gayle Baker of Warren County, Education and Recruitment Subcommittee Chair Jenna Severs of Vermilion County, Achievement Subcommittee Chair Katie King of Sangamon County and Governmental Affairs and Commodities Subcommittee Chair Scott Brummel of Kendall County, will assume their positions immediately. Members of the IFB Young Leaders are 18- to 35-year-old men and women who are passionate about agriculture. It is a member-created, member-driven

and compete in events, including the Young Leader Achievement Award, Excellence in Agriculture Award and discussion meets.

Giving back is also a priority for Young Leaders. Through their Harvest for All program, Young Leaders raise funds, donate food and contribute their time to help fight food insecurity throughout the state.

"It's quite an honor to be elected as the next committee chair and have the opportunity to serve such a passionate group of people," said Mitchell. "It's inspiring and exciting to see how strong of a Young Leader program we have in this state. Once you get your foot in the door, you see the community we have and all the activities that help develop more leaders to take on bigger roles in our organization."

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NEWS FROM COUNTRY FINANCIA COUNTRY **Top 5 Financial New Year's Resolutions**

It's a new year, a time to start fresh and dream big. When it comes to setting goals for the coming months, saving money is always a popular one. We want to help you not only save money, but protect the things that are important to you as well. So, we've laid out our top 5 financial New Year's resolutions to help you feel more secure in 2022.

1. Set your financial goals for the new year. Do you want to pay off debt, set up an emergency fund or college savings plan for your kids? Maybe you want to put more away for retirement. Whatever your dream is, talk with your financial rep about how you can take the first step to achieve your goals.

2. Create a budget that supports your goals.

Getting an overall view of your income and expenses will help you plan a strategy for achieving your goals. Try creating a simple spreadsheet or using an online budgeting tool to get started. Check your budget often to be sure you're staying on track.

3. Look for ways to save money on insurance.

Your rep can look to see what discounts you may be eligible for (did you purchase a home security system or put on a new roof recently? Talk to your rep to see if you qualify for a discount). Your rep can also talk with you about other money-saving strategies such as bundling or changing your deductible.

4. Talk to your insurance representative about coverage for your new expensive items.

Did you receive a new smartphone, expensive jewelry or other high-cost items for Christmas? Talk with your insurance rep about insurance protection for them.

5. Prepare for the unexpected. Use your smartphone to take a video record of all of your belongings in case you ever experience a fire, tornado or other disaster situation. It only takes a few minutes and it's much easier than trying to remember each item in every room, drawer, closet, etc., after a loss.

Taking simple steps to protect your property and set goals can get you on the right foot in the new year.

AGENT SPOTLIGHT

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December Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on December 16, 2021.

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel

Holiday Cheese Sale pick up is December 14. 44 Cheese orders were received. The most popular items were the hickory smoked string cheese, beef sticks, and pepper jack cheese.

Farm Business – Becky King

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 DeSutterLegislative Voting Records were reviewed.

Member Relations - Jeff Grady The 2022 Quota Program has been set and KCFB needs1890 Associate Members

and 842 Voting Members. Foundation - Hailey Weyhrich The KCFB Foundation met on November 23.

PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich

PrimeTimers met on November 17 at the Agri Center with a catered meal by Becky El-

lison. The next meeting is January 18, 2022. Young Farmers – Tyler Main

Young Farmers will meet December 16 for the Holiday meal and hold officer elections.

KAC - Hailey Weyhrich

The Knox Agri Center met on November 23 and approved their budget for 2022. **OLD BUSINESS**

There is 1 vacancy on the Knox County Farm Bureau Board. Directors are looking to fill the spot in District 3.

The Board passed the 2022 Budget. **NEW BUSINESS**

The KCFB Annual Meeting will be held January 29, 2022 at Cedar Creek Hall in Galesburg. The nominating committee will meet to work on potential new directors.



What's your new year's resolution?

With the new year upon us, what resolutions do you have for taking care of your family? Whether it is better insurance coverage or help with your financial future, we can help show you the solutions we offer to help with your resolutions.

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Ag in the Classroom Educating Knox County Students

Ag in the Classroom has been busy providing lessons in many Knox County Schools. Mrs. Green has visited 81 classrooms and taught 1424 students! Turkeys, reindeer and trees were just a few of the topics presented.

Students at King Elementary were treated to a visit from two turkeys: a tom and a hen. DJ Cain was able to share his knowledge of raising turkeys with all the first graders. The hen was happy to speak to the students, but the tom would not gobble despite their best efforts! Students learned to identify the turkey's snood and see the difference between a male and female turkey.

December found Mrs. Green talking with students about trees, and students investigating tree cookies. Students counted rings....if they were visible, to know how old the tree was when it was cut down. They also learned about the rings called heartwood, phloem, cambium and bark. Students made their own tree cookies on paper plates, with color coded lines to identify each kind of ring.

Younger students learned about rein-

deer in December. They compared how a reindeer and a cow are the same. Students were able to see and touch a real horn and an antler, though the antler was from a local deer. Students learned that rein-

deer have the same names as cows: bull, cow and calf. They also learned that horns are not shed, but antlers are. Students also learned about the hooves of these animals and created a diagram labeling the parts of the reindeer.

If you would like to support Ag in the Classroom programs, please consider making a donation to the KCFB Foundation. Students the Knox County Farm Bureau at 309-342-2036 or by mail at 180 S. Soangetaha Rd. Suite 101, rein-Galesburg, IL 61401.

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Students from Mrs. Graf's fourth grade class at Hedding Grade School examined tree rings.

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January Is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and the Knox County Health Department and Knox Community Health Center wants you to Knox that there's a lot you can do to prevent cervical cancer. According to the American Cancer Society Health Awareness Month, the Health it was estimated that over 14,000 new cases Department encourages: of invasive cervical cancer would be diagnosed in 2021.

Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable types of cancer affecting women in the United States. The best way to find cervical cancer early is to have regular screening tests. The tests for cervical cancer screening are the HPV test and the Pap test. These tests can be done alone or at the same time. Regular screening has been shown to prevent cervical cancers and save lives. The most important thing to remember is to get screened regularly, no matter which test you get.

To start the year right, we encourage women to contact the Knox County Health Department or their health care provider to schedule a Pap test to check for cervical cancer This screening is a crucial part of a woman's health care regimen, yet one that many overlook. It's important to remember that cervical cancer is a preventable disease - if it's caught early enough.

We also encourage pre-teens to get the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine. HPV is a very common infection that spreads through sexual activity, and it causes almost all cases of cervical cancer. The HPV vaccine is strongly recommended Health Department at 309-344-2224 to see for boys and girls. It can help protect them from infection with the most common types of HPV that can cause cancer as they age. According to the American Cancer

Society, giving the vaccine to boys and girls between 9 and 12 years old can help prevent more than 90% of HPV cancers as they age.

In honor of National Cervical

- Women to start getting regular cervical cancer screenings at age 25
- Parents to make sure pre-teens get the HPV vaccine at age 9 or 12
- Children and young adults ages 13 through 26 years who have not been vaccinated or who have not received all of their shots should get the vaccine as soon as possible. The Health Department and

Community Health Center continues to focus on providing high quality care and having the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program as part of its services is another way to care for patients. The IBCCP offers free mammograms, breast exams, pelvic exams, and Pap tests to eligible women 35 to 64 years old (younger women may be eligible in some cases) living in Knox, Warren, and Henderson Counties. Even if a woman has already been diagnosed with cancer, she may receive free treatment if she qualifies. If you do not have a health care provider, are insured, uninsured or underinsured, call today to learn more about IBCCP and the Knox Community Health Center.

Please contact us at the Knox County if the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program can be of assistance. If more women have access to care, we can reduce the rates of cervical cancer.

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Early Detection is the Best Prevention!

Routine mammograms, breast exams and pap tests can detect cancer early and provide you with better treatment options and results. IBCCP provides FREE mammograms, clinical breast exams and pap tests, with the provider of YOUR choice, to those who qualify!

You may be eligible for this program if:

- You are living in Knox, Warren or Henderson County.
- You are between the ages of 35 and 64.
- You have no Medicaid or Medicare Part B.
- Your health insurance will not cover these services, the deductible is a financial hardship, or you have no health insurance.

For more information about the program, or to make an appointment, call the Knox County Health Department at (309) 344-2224.







ANHYDROUS AMMONIA **Certified Grower Training** WINTER 2022 DATES

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Free certified grower training sessions will be offered on nine dates ahead of spring 2022 application season. Attendance is limited, so register at the link below to guarantee your seat.

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Growers and grower farm operators have until April 1, 2022 to be initially certified, and must participate in refresher training every three years.



members, full-time and part-time hired help, and others providing anhydrous ammonia services at no fee.

This new requirement is found in regulations regarding anhydrous a 8 Illinois Administrative Code 215.

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MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative, Jason Lumberry, as the top membership recruiter in December. He signed two new Associate Members. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.



PrimeTimers News

PrimeTimers will meet on January 18 with a potluck meal and speaker. Please call the office to be added to the mailing list if you would like to join. Free to all members 55 and older!

COUNTRY Financial Winter Crop Meetings

COUNTRY Financial and Illinois Farm Bureau are again teaming up for ten regional meetings across Illinois to share updates on improved opportunities for farmers to protect their farms and crops in 2022.

The ten meetings co-hosted by COUNTRY Financial and Illinois Farm Bureau will take place throughout January and February. Eight meetings will be held in-person across the state, and there will be two virtual presentations. All meetings will include:

- Crop Insurance Update, including changes to federal crop insurance and new private products offered by COUNTRY, the #1 crop hail insurer in Illinois. (Doug Yoder, Crop Agency Manager for COUNTRY Financial)
- Crop Claims Update (COUNTRY Financial Crop Claims Representative)
- Market Outlook (Tim Tresslar, Grain Origination Manager for Growmark)
- Legislative Update (Illinois Farm Bureau)
- Opportunity for Audience Q&A with presenters

A meeting is being hosted at the Knox County Farm Bureau on January 27 at 5PM. To register, please contact the office at 309-342-2036 or email assistant@knoxcfb.org. Farm Bureau members can also login at www.myifb.org to register online. For updates and more information, visit https://on.ilfb.org/winter-agribusiness-seminars

Moore Named West Central Illinois COUNTRY Financial Crop Specialist

Michael Moore of Roseville is pleased to serve farmers in his hometown area as a Crop Specialist in Warren, Henderson, McDonough, Mercer, Knox and Hancock counties for COUNTRY Financial.

Moore continues to build relationships with local farmers in and around Roseville, IL to assist them one-on-one with crop insurance needs. He started serving COUNTRY clients in 2019 preparing for the retirement of Mark DeSelms while also farming with his parents. Moore returned to his family's farm in 2014 after working for a landscape company immediately following college in Bloomington/Normal, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Illinois State University. He remains active in his family's farm operation.

"I saw a need to fill the role in helping farmers manage their risk. I truly believe every farmer should have crop insurance to protect themselves in such a volatile market," said Moore. "Crop Insurance is changing all the time so it's important to always be talking to your Crop Specialist to find out what those changes are and how it could affect your operation."

Moore enjoys working with clients

throughout the year and meeting their needs during each season. He is serving COUNTRY clients 135 North Main, PO Box 109, in Roseville, IL and can be reached via phone at (309) 426-2077 or by email at michael. moore@countryfinancial.com.

"I do not like doing the same things day in and day out. I like the change of pace," added Moore. "In the winter/early spring I'm meeting with clients to renew their crop insurance for the coming year. In the summer I'm meeting with clients to report their acres. I'm always a phone call away with any questions or concerns, and in the unfortunate event that you have a claim."

Moore and his wife, Sarah, have two children – Sawyer and Logan – and one on the way. He serves on several committees at his church, Monmouth First United Methodist, and participates in Choral Dynamics, Ecumenical Singers. He also is an Ag Day for Kids Presenter and a member of the Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Young Leaders. In his time away from work, he also enjoys spending time with family, camping, fishing, and is a fan of Chicago professional sports teams, including the Cubs, Bears and Blackhawks.

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