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Carey Portell to Headline Women in Ag Conference

The Women in Agriculture Conference committee is excited for the 2023, Women in Agriculture Conference. Carey Portell will headline for the annual Women in Agriculture Conference in Rock Island on Friday, March 24, 2023.

Portell is a survivor and a thriver, but most importantly she is a mom, wife, neighbor, and friend. She and her husband oversee a farm in mid-Missouri where she balances between speaking and cattle farming. Portell strives to motivate and inspire audiences, encouraging them to break through limitations, learn to believe in oneself, and tap into their higher power as a source of inspiration. Her message will teach attendees to thrive despite challenges and arrive with an attitude of gratitude on their path to success.

Ruth Wooley will be the featured mid-day speaker. Wooley is an attorney with Ricker Law, LLC. Her major concentrations are food, farm, and family law. Her presentation will cover an overview of farm leases and why you need them in writing. She will discuss different types of farm leases and farm lease considerations.

Closing out the conference is Amanda Radke. She is a fifth-generation rancher from Mitchell, S.D. who has dedicated her career to serving as a voice for the nation's farmers and ranchers. Radke regularly tackles industry issues as a columnist and speaker. Radke challenges listeners to change their outlook in the face of great uncertainties to PIVOT. CONNECT. SERVE and LEAD with positivity.

The conference will host a variety of breakout sessions with topics including farm partnership agreements, farm input costs, federal conservation and climate change policy, and securing the future for animal agriculture, just to name a few.

Included in the day is an exhibit area, with many businesses and organizations offering materials, promotional items, and give-away drawings, a breakfast and luncheon buffet and mid-day snack break.

Conference cost prior to February 28 is \$70. March 1 through March 19 the cost is \$90. Registrations taken March 20 through the day of the conference will cost \$100. If paying by check registration and payment must be received by February 28, 2023. Registration the day of the conference begins at 8am. To pre-register, contact any sponsoring Illinois County Farm Bureaus or register online at womeninagricultureconference.com.

Pre-registration for the event begins on January 9, 2023. More details can be found at womeninagricultureconference.com. This Conference is sponsored by the Farm Bureau Women in Agriculture Conference Committee.

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 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. to elect directors and if approved confirm the reports of the officers for the year ending November 30, 2022; 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, 2023.

Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation offers six, \$1,000.00 scholarships. Deadline to apply: February 10, 2023



Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation

2023 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Annika Spring Daniel Hendrickson Evelyn Simpson Penny Simpson Gerald & Florence Smith Chad & Sara Torrison Jacqueline & David Dare Christine Williams

THE KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION IS OFFERING AN INTERNSHIP WITH THE KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOR THE SUMMER OF 2023.THE INTERN WILL RECEIVE A \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP.

Deadline to apply: February 10, 2023

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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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Cattle 'cool' with colder weather One of my favorite holiday cards routinely arrives at the turn of the New Year. My friend mails photo cards that capture her cattle, sometimes in the romantic calm of winter. One year it was a snow-capped hay bale. Another, it was the steaming breaths of her cows with frostcovered backs. Just looking at that photo, you can feel the frigid air of that winter morning, but the cows appear at peace, content with the cold Illinois landscape. And they are.

Cows wear leather coats year-round, a clever observation from my cattle-farming cousin. While she and her husband pile

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insulated bibs, heavy coats, stocking hats, gloves and sub-zero-rated boots in the mudroom this time of year, the cows wear what they need every month of the year. She finds that her cows prefer winter temperatures over those of summer.

Likewise, our farm's cows lie down to rest in the snow, unbothered by the frozen landscape. If a cold wind blows, the cows huddle together or locate shelter, whether in the barn or natural areas like trees. With help from farmers like my friend, cousin and dad, cattle are incredibly hardy. Daily access to hay provides cattle with their primary energy source in a season when the pasture grass doesn't grow. Supplements of minerals and protein support overall health. And farmers ensure heating elements remain operable to keep water thawed and fresh in automatic water drinkers.

Livestock caretakers generally dread the weather events that cancel school.

Heavy snow means clearing barnyards and driveways to reach the cattle and then scooping paths to their food and water. Still, most cattle farmers will take snow and frozen ground over mud any day. Mud ranks worse than a blizzard, making a mess of the pastures and cattle lots. Especially with cool temperatures, the wet landscape increases fatality risks for newborn calves in late winter and early spring. The sloppy terrain quite simply makes getting around on hoof or foot a genuine hassle for cows and their farmers, and to the house cleaner's dismay, the farmhouse mudroom earns its title. In fact, I never expect to see mud on our holiday cards of well wishes.

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 Recognized at IFB Annual Meeting

Knox County Farm Bureau was recently recognized during the 108th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau for their outstanding programming.

CAE recognized programs carried out between Sept. 1, 2021, and Aug. 31, 2022.

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 1,330 and fewer members

Group II — counties with 1,331 to 1,899 members

Group III — counties with 1,900 to

2,799 members

Group IV — counties with 2,800 to 5,800 members

Group V — counties with 5,801 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 eight program areas: Ag Literacy, Farm Income and Development, Health and Safety, Advocacy, Local Affairs, Engagement and Outreach, Membership Value, and Foundations and Fundraising.

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 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 following: Liberty Bell Award



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Thank You KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Pictured from left to right are KCFB Manager Hailey Hennenfent, KCFB President Beau Bewley, and IFB Vice President Brian Duncan.

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It's a new year, a time to start fresh help you not only save money but and dream big.

When it comes to setting goals for the coming months, saving money is always a popular one. We want to

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

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KCFB Board Attendance 2022

2023.

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 at COUNTRYFinancial. com 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 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.

December Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on December 15, 2022.

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel The first Adult AITC class was held December 13 and was sold out. January 17 is the next class and will be making soy candles. Holiday cheese orders were up.

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 2023 quota program has been released.

Young Farmers - Tyler Main Tyler Main was re-elected Chair of Young Farmers for 2023. KCFB was awarded the Nutrient Stewardship

Grant for 2023 to continue the Cover Crop Project. **PrimeTimers – Hailey Hennenfent** Nothing to report. Foundation – Hailey Hennenfent The KCFB Foundation Board met on November 22 and set the yearly budget. KAC – Hailey Hennenfent The Agri Center Board met on November 22 and set the yearly budget. **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. The nominating committee met and is reaching out to potential members.

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NEW BUSINESS

The KCFB Annual Meeting will be January 28, 2023. IFB Vice President Brian Duncan will be the keynote speaker.

Health on the Farm

January Is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

This new year, the Knox County Health Department and Knox Community Health Center urges residents to prioritize their health. One way to live a healthier version of yourself is to take steps in prevention of cancer. This January during Cervical Health Awareness Month, and the Knox County Health **Department and Knox Community Health Center** encourages HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening.

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 2023 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

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eMail Address: john.ryner@countryfinancial.com

John Ryner Family: Wife, Cathy. Sons, Jordan, Joshua, Rodel, Jonas, Jannus. Education: 1987 Bachelor of Science in Agri-Business from Truman State University, Kirksville, MO

Designations: Investment Solutions Representative

<u>Awards:</u> Four-time All American and Ten-time All Star recipient; Honor Roll recipient <u>Mission Statement:</u> While adhering to the Golden Rule, I promise to give the most approprite insurance recommendations suitable to my clients' needs and provide the best personal 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 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 Health Awareness Month, the Health Department encourages:

- 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

ILLINOIS BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM

Early Detection is the Best Prevention!

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You may be eligible for this program if:

•You are living in Knox, Warren or Henderson County.

•You are between the ages of 40 and 64.

•You have no Medicaid or Medicare Part B.

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the Illinois Breast and Cervical

Cancer Program as part of its

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fers free mammograms, breast

exams, pelvic exams, and Pap

tests to eligible women 40 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 di-

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•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.



Knox County Health Department

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 Health Department at 309-344-2224 to see 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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Classroom visits to teach ag in Chicago and a Thank you to Dairy Farmers

On Monday, December 5 Ag in the Classroom visited their Adopt a Classroom in Chicago. At St. Symphorosa, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Hennenfent taught an ag lesson to Kindergarten through fourth grade classes. Students learned about farm animals, corn from Knox County, soybeans and other seeds, cranberries and Agriculture careers.

Phil Godeke and Deanna Smith visited kindergarten and first grade students. Students asked our Knox County farmers if they had zebra or a cheetah on their farm! Focused on farm livestock, students make a farm scene with farm animals.

Second graders were able to see and feel soybean pods and seeds. They also

had a chance to hold an ear of field corn. Students learned about the Three Sisters (corn, beans and squash) and how planting them together made a great harvest. Using those seeds, art was created.

Blake Hennenfent, Brian Nelson, and Jake Beard visited second, third and fourth grade. Fourth graders wanted to know about careers in agriculture, and they added to the discussion with their first hand knowledge. Third graders learned about cranberries and created cranberry towers, with the goal of building the tallest. Second grade learned about seeds, specifically soybeans. They were able to dissect their seed and see inside.

Each year teachers are encouraged to join one of the adopt a calf classroom





programs. The St. Louis Dairy Council reminded students to be thankful for the farmers who produce our food. They asked classes to enter a Thank A Farmer contest

by submitting a letter and photo. Students from Mrs. Shinn's second grade class at Steele won! Congratulations to Mrs. Shinn and her students!





Looking Back

JANUARY 2004

Ericksons honored for their service to Pork Industry

The Knox County Pork Producers inducted S. Don Erickson of Altona into their Pork Hall of Fame at the organization's Annual Meeting on January 10. He began farming in 1951 when he went into partnership of a small field hog operation with his father, and now farms with his sons, Dan, and David. Erickson's son, Dan, was also honored during the Pork Producer's Annual Meeting as a retiring director from the Knox County Pork Producer's Board. Dan served on the board since 1999 and held the offices of Secretary in 2001 and President of the organization in 2002.

Recipe of the Month Easy Pizza Dip

Ingredients -

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded
- ¹/₂ cup sour cream
- ¹/₂ teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 cup pizza sauce
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 15-20 pepperoni slices or ¼ cup mini pepperoni
- 3 slices crispy cooked bacon, chopped

Instructions -

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- Using an electric mixer, blend cream cheese, ¾ cup of the mozzarella cheese, sour cream, dried basil, dried oregano, salt, pepper, and red pepper flakes until smooth and creamy. Spread the cream cheese mixture on the bottom of a 9-inch pie plate or similar baking dish.
- 3. Spread 1 cup of pizza sauce over the cream cheese mixture. Top with the Parmesan cheese and remaining mozzarella. Add the pepperoni and crisp cooked bacon.
- 4. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until the cheese is melted. Let the dip cool for 3-5 minutes. Top with chopped fresh parsley or basil. Serve with toasted French bread slices, warm breadsticks, or freshly baked rolls.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative, Ed Johnson as the top membership recruiter in December. Ed signed one new Associate Member and one new Voting Member. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.



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If you sell your items, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036 or email assistant@knoxcfb.org, so we can provide our readers with up-to-date information.

PrimeTimers News

PrimeTimers will meet on January 18 with a catered meal and have the Program of Work planning meeting. 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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