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Promote the understanding of agriculture in our community to improve the profitability of farmers and enrich the quality of life in Knox County.

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4-H FAIR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 17

Location: Knox County Fairgrounds

Show Ring

Time: 6:00pm;

prior to the 4-H Alumni

Showmanship Show



July A Busy Month For KCFB

The Knox County Farm Bureau is gearing up for a busy July!

We hope you will join us for an Ice Cream Social during the 4-H Fair before the Foundation Alumni Show. The KCFB Board of Directors and Young Farmers

will be serving Prairie Farms ice cream with all the toppings!

Then, bring your kids to participate in the Young Farmers Ag Olympics event after the last show of the day Tuesday. We wrap up the month supporting a great cause, the KCFB Foundation and Ag in the Classroom at our annual golf outing.

The Knox County Ag in the Classroom Program reached 459 classrooms last year, averaging 1,900 students per month due to the continued support of our members!

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

Connie Cowan
Denise Johnson-Dechow
Matthew Koepfel
Anna & Rick Roberts
Patrick Rose
Nelson & Katie England
John & Katie Johnston
Raynaldo De La Cruz Jr.
Lillian Main

AG OLYMPICS

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July 18

Location: Knox County Fairgrounds show ring
Time: 30 minutes after the last show of the day

FINISH

JULY 28, 2023
OAK RUN GOLF COURSE

7:00 AM REGISTRATION
8:00 AM SHOTGUN START

GOLF OUTING
Sponsorships and Registration due
by July 24
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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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KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU



Farm threads through summer traditions

My husband fished at the farm. Our son and his friends played paintball-style games in the farm woods. I smoked brisket from our inventory of freezer beef, and our daughter baked an order of graduation cakes that required 30 fresh eggs from her chickens. We ended the weekend as a family kayaking the river that borders the home farm.

The first few days out of school provided a glimpse of farm-infused summer traditions to come, like Sunday mornings in solitude on the front porch. Impromptu wiener roasts under starry skies. And summer-time suppers with hyper-local menu items: Burgers

and steaks from our farm's cattle herd paired with green beans, lettuce or sweet corn from the garden.

Despite the Illinois humidity, I love the freedom and energy of summer on the farm between planting and harvest seasons. That feeling amplifies with timely, beneficial rains and having all the hay baled for the time being. This break between the farm's busiest seasons gives our minds an opportunity to pause at spectacular, golden sunsets and lightning bugs dancing in the rural darkness afterward.

West Coast cousins soon visit the farm with an itinerary to catch those fireflies, view as many cows, chickens and tractors as possible and play wiffle ball in the farmyard. The kids of my city cousins have requested to see Farmer Doug's excavator in action, giving them more pretend-play scenarios for their favorite 1/16th-scale toy.

Once upon a time, our kids played similarly, using toy backhoes and wheel loaders in a designated corner of the vegetable gar-

den. Now teens, the farm Jeep supercharges their summer fun. The 4x4 effectively scouts crops and teaches our license- and permit-holding farm kids how to drive a stick shift. We spend summer nights practicing on the backroads in the vehicle's iconic, open-air glory. Subsequently, I think I found my spirit vehicle.

Summer brings sunflowers to cut, chickens to show and ice cream worth a country drive. The kids' schedules include youth leadership events, summer employment on the farm and the debut of a 75-foot slip-and-slide on the slope north of the farm shop. The State Fair signals the end of summer break. Soon after, our neighbors will close their "farm pool" for the season, a glammed-up livestock water tank. I give them the prize for most-creative farm-infused fun.

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

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

73. GOVERNMENT CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

We support:

1. Conservation programs with a focus on protecting environmentally sensitive areas with filter strips, buffers, and other beneficial practices while reducing overall program costs.

2. Legislation which ensures that both tenant and landlord interests will be fairly protected.

3. Limitations on participation rates so as not to adversely affect local farmland rental rates.

FSA Programs

We support:

1. The continued funding of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) through current methods, plus private sources on contributions (e.g., conservation groups, hunting groups, and environmental groups) to remove fragile lands from production.

2. Basing the judging criteria for CRP enrollment upon the land's erosion potential as cropland and not on its current erosion status.

3. An expansion of the continuous sign up CRP acreage to include:

A. Filter strips along waterways.

B. Greater widths of waterways, filter strips, field borders, and riparian buffers.

C. Setbacks at road intersections.

D. Crop protection product setbacks around tile inlet structures.

E. Up to one-acre filter strips around standpipes and other intakes where surface water enters directly into subsurface water.

F. Grassed terraces.

G. Buffers around villages, timbered areas, irrigation reservoirs, ponds, and stormwater retention basins.

H. Expanding the statewide allocations on field borders and upland restoration projects.

I. Approving a 20 percent incentive for all projects using native prairie grasses, forbs, shrubs, or trees.

J. Allowing enrollment of and acceptance of "infeasible to farm" acres (an area that is too small or isolated to be economically farmed).

K. Farms declared not insurable in the crop insurance program because of wildlife crop damage to be eligible to be enrolled in the CRP.

4. The practice of planting vegetative filter strips along both sides of ditches and waterways to improve water quality. Strips of variable widths should be eligible for the

CRP.

5. Programs being made available to give farmers viable economic options to traditional crop production following expiration of CRP contracts.

6. The ability of all drainage district easements to be included in the CRP filter strip program.

7. Provisions that would allow farmers and landowners to terminate participation in the CRP if the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) cannot meet the agreed contractual payment amount within 30 days of its due date or is forced by budget constraints to reduce the annual payment amount as set forth in the CRP contract. If the farmer opts out of the CRP all past due monies will be paid with accrued interest.

8. Continuation of CRP on fragile and environmentally sensitive lands formerly enrolled in CRP if the CRP is not continued at current levels. Qualified land areas should be determined by county Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

9. Encouraging the USDA to give adequate credit during CRP sign-ups for areas throughout the nation that experience wind erosion on sandy soils.

10. The broadening of criteria for enrollment or re-enrollment of land in CRP. Examples of the criteria include but are not limited to:

A. Land with the highest Environmental Benefits Index (EBI).

B. Land targeted based on type of CRP cover or conservation practice, with priority given to land in trees, alley cropping, or with special conservation attributes.

C. Land targeted based on water quality, air quality, soil quality, and wildlife.

D. Land that, if cultivated, would be most damaging to the environment. For example, land that would likely opt out of farm programs and conservation compliance due to high compliance costs.

11. The elimination of the Erodibility Index as an exclusionary consideration for concentrated CRP sign up.

12. Wildlife habitat improvement, especially on CRP acreage.

13. The Conservation Reserve Program's State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) practice that provides financial incentives to producers.

14. Recognition in the EBI that qualifying established cover practices on acres being re-enrolled in the CRP provide certain benefits over destroying existing

stands to plant preferred species.

15. The evaluation of all CRP property by the county NRCS office staff to ensure that previously recommended Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been maintained before the property can be re-enrolled in CRP.

16. Haying and grazing of CRP acres at the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture in weather-related or other emergency situations in a timely manner.

17. Each state Farm Service Agency (FSA) office determining CRP rates and acreage qualifications as opposed to the national USDA office.

18. Increasing the enrollment of filter strips in the CRP and offering incentives for re-enrollment.

19. The continuation and expansion of the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) with full funding.

20. Any increase to national CRP acreage cap that prioritizes continuous sign up selection of most environmentally sensitive ground and limit acres for future sign up.

We oppose:

1. Any effort to allow the public to automatically use or have access to private property that is enrolled in CRP.

2. Further changes in CRP which would allow conservation acreage to be brought back into permanent production before the ten-year contract expires.

3. The use of CRP land for biomass fuel production without a corresponding reduction in CRP payments.

Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Programs

We support:

1. Allowing an exemption to the NRCS manual for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) money to be used for streambank stabilization practices prior to the adjacent land's expiration in a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contract or a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) contract.

2. The continuation and expansion of the EQIP and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) with full funding, as long as these programs complement - but do not replace - programs in the new farm bill.

3. Providing a clear explanation of the CSP that would create interest and help more farmers qualify for this program.

State of Illinois Programs

We support the Illinois Department of Agriculture creating and implementing conservation programs for Illinois farmers.

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Cruise With Caution and Make Sure Safety Is Your Skipper

If your holiday or summer plans include hitting the water on a powerboat, sailboat, or personal watercraft, you'll be joining the 12 million registered boat users in America, according to the National Marine Manufacturers Association. Proper protections and safety procedures are two things to consider with your recreational vehicle as you look to add a splash of fun this summer.

As watercraft owners make sure their boat and family are protected, experts suggest talking to an insurance agent to make sure the watercraft is properly insured. One recommendation is to consider that boat insurance may be a separate policy for extended coverage, or an addition to a home policy for limited coverage of smaller boats.

"In addition, depending on your policy, liability may already be included and helps protect you if someone is injured because of the operation of your boat, if you damage someone's property while operating your boat, or if you're sued for those injuries or damages and have legal defense costs," said Jeremy Brewer, COUNTRY Financial National Home Product Manager. "However, larger boats often need their own or additional liability coverage. Boat owners should speak to their insurance agent to ensure they have the proper coverages for their personal situation."

No matter the size of your watercraft, COUNTRY Financial Senior Loss Control Representative Eric Vanasdale suggests boaters take these simple steps toward a safe summer experience to provide everyone some smooth sailing this summer:

1. Know the weather - Storms on open water often intensify quickly. Always check the weather forecast before departing. If you see bad weather heading your way, wait for it to pass or keep your boat docked.

2. Check your tow - The excitement of being on the water makes it easy to forget transporting your boat to it in the first place. Remember to maintain your truck and boat trailer - boat trailers are often neglected because they don't get used often which could result in flat tires, mechanical failure or burnt-out lights.

3. Stay Alert, Watch for Swimmers - Operate at a safe speed and always maintain a careful lookout. Keep an eye out for swimmers and keep a safe distance away from anyone who is in the water.

4. Leave alcohol on dry land - A couple cold ones could impair your judgment quicker than you think - strong sun exaggerates alcohol's affect. Boating while intoxicated is against the law and carries penalties similar to driving while intoxicated penalties, including possible Driver's License sus-

pension.

5. Use life jackets and other safety devices - While no one expects a boating accident to happen, it's always important to be prepared. Make sure you have a U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved life jacket for each person onboard and one approved throwable device for any boat 16 feet or longer. The USCG estimates 80% of all boating fatalities could be prevented if victims wear lifejackets.

You should also have a fire extinguisher, floating pouch with cell phone, maps, flares and first aid kit in case of emergencies.

6. Safety Check - Have your vessel checked for safety. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offers Vessel Safety Checks at no cost. Coast Guard staffers will check your boat's equipment and provide information

about its use, safety procedures and applicable regulations. Unsafe boats are a threat to all recreational boaters. Make sure your vessel is as safe as possible. Visit the U.S. Coast Guard web site at <http://www.uscg.mil> for further information. Boaters are also encouraged to make sure they are aware of the state and municipal laws that may provide additional requirements for the body of water being used.

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June Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on June 15, 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. Steve Johnson Seminar will be June 13 at 7:00 at the Knox Agri Center. Marketing Club will resume June 21.

Government and Policy – Kurt Emken

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Member Relations – Jeff Grady

The 2023 quota program has been released. Knox County needs 831 Voting Members. Tickets for the Knox County Fair Concert are still available for purchase at the office.

Young Farmers – Tyler Main

Young Farmers held a social event at Reserve Artisan Ales on June 8 for their monthly meeting. Hunter Safety Course will be held June 9 and June 10.

PrimeTimers – Hailey Hennenfent

The PrimeTimers met May 16, 2023, for

a potluck meal and meeting with Bill Bodine from IFB to talk about property rights regarding wind/solar. PrimeTimers will meet on June 20 for a potluck meal and presentation on dairy for dairy month.

Foundation – Hailey Hennenfent

Emma Seiboldt was awarded the 3rd High School Student Scholarship, the O'Connor Family Scholarship. The Foundation Board met on May 23 for their quarterly meeting. They will be sponsoring the CEO program for 3 years. Over \$10,000 was raised in the Direct Mail Campaign from March.

KAC – Hailey Hennenfent

The Knox Agri Center met on May 23 for their quarterly meeting. Tim Main was elected President to fill the vacancy left by Pat Hennenfent's passing. 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

No new business was discussed.

KCFB Board of Attendance 2023

	April	May	June
Beard, Jennifer	P	P	P
Bollivar, Jason	P	P	A
Courson, Dustin	A	P	A
DeSutter, Drew	P	P	P
Emken, Kurt	A	P	P
Emmons, Rob	P	A	A
Engel, Lori	P	P	P
Goedeke, Phil	P	P	P
Grady, Jeff	A	P	P
Link, Aaron	P	P	P
Link, Cory	A	A	P
McCormick, Joel	P	P	P
Nelson, Brian	P	P	P
O'Connor, Tom	P	P	P
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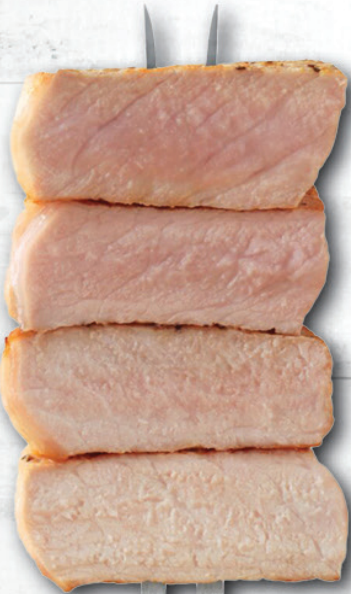
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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



Back-To-School Physical and Immunization Time!!

Summer break is half over and summer vacations are in full swing. Parents and children alike are scanning the newspapers and Web sites looking for upcoming sales to shop for a multitude of school supplies and the latest clothing fads and essentials. But remember schools require that our kids have their physicals and immunizations before they can start school. The Knox County Health Department and Knox Community Health Center are stepping in to ensure that students have ample opportunities to receive their necessary vaccinations and physicals before classes commence.

The Knox Community Health Center, located at 1361 W. Fremont St., Galesburg, offers school and sports physicals by appointment and on a walk-in basis Monday through Friday 7:00am-5:00pm. Families who do not have a primary care physician for their kids can get connected with providers at the Knox Community Health Center who can provide children annual physicals. Call

309-344-2225 to schedule an appointment with one of our providers today.

The Knox County Health Department, located at 1361 W. Fremont St., Galesburg, will be offering Walk-in Back-to-School Immunizations Clinics on Tuesday, July 25th and Thursday, August 3rd from 10:00am-6:00pm. This initiative aims to help students beat the back-to-school rush and ensure a healthy start to the new school year. The Health Department accepts Medicaid, insurance, cash, check and credit cards. Participants are encouraged to bring immunization records to the appointment, and it's important to note that physical examinations will not be provided at these clinics. Additionally, a parent or legal guardian must accompany the child on the visit.

Childhood vaccinations are vital to protect both our children and the community from serious illness. Vaccines have been so effective in decreasing once common, life-threatening childhood infections that it's easy to forget how important it is to keep our children protected from those illnesses. The only reason we don't see diseases like childhood meningitis, measles, polio, and tetanus more often today is because the majority of children are vaccinated.

As families start compiling their back to school to do lists, the Knox County Health Department and Knox Community Health Center look to make taking care of vaccinations and physicals easier items to cross off that list. We think it's important for parents to be aware of all the services public health and the health center have and how they can be your go to resource. Please contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 or go to www.knoxcountyhealthh.org for information about available vaccines and medical services.



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Recipe of the Month English Muffin Breakfast Pizzas

Ingredients:

- 8 eggs, large
- ¼ cup heavy cream
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- 1 tsp onion powder
- ¾ cup real bacon bits
- 6 English muffins
- ½ cup Heinz chili sauce
- 1 ½ cups shredded mozzarella and cheddar cheese blend



Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400F. Crack eggs into a medium mixing bowl. Add the heavy cream to the bowl. Whisk until the eggs are fully beaten. Add salt, pepper, and onion powder to the bowl. Whisk well again. Pour the egg mixture into a lightly greased nonstick sauté pan over medium heat. Gently push the eggs around as they cook. Once the eggs no longer look wet, add ½ cup of the bacon bits to the pan. Stir the bacon and eggs together well. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside. Slice the English muffins in half and place them, cut side up, on a baking sheet. Spread a thin layer of chili sauce on each English muffin. Spoon the bacon and egg mixture onto the English muffins. Sprinkle the shredded cheese on the top of the egg. Sprinkle the remaining ¼ cup of bacon bits on top of the cheese. Place the pan in the oven and bake the breakfast pizzas until the cheese on top is completely melted. 8-10 minutes.

Walk-In

Back-to-School Immunizations

No Appointments Needed!!

Knox County Health Department is hosting immunization clinics.

Tuesday, July 25th
Thursday, Aug. 3rd

10am
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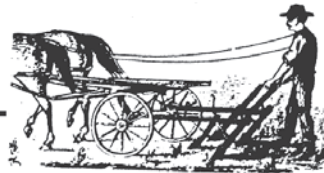
SEASON'S EATINGS

Wondering when a certain type of produce will be making its way from the field to your local farmers market or grocery store? Save this graphic for quick reference of when your favorite fruits and vegetables will be in season!

PRODUCT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Apples						J	J	A	S	O	N	
Artichokes							J	A				
Asparagus				A	M	J						
Beans						J	J	A				
Bell Peppers							J	A	S	O	N	
Berries						J	J	A	S			
Cabbage					M	J	J		S	O	N	
Carrots						J	J	A	S			
Cauliflower								A	S	O		
Cherries					M	J	J					
Corn							J	A	S	O		
Cucumbers								A	S	O		
Eggplant						J	J	A	S	O		
Garlic						J	J	A	S	O	N	
Grapes							J	A	S	O		
Greens					M					O	N	
Herbs								A	S	O		
Horseradish						J	J	A	S	O	N	
Leeks					M	J	J	A				
Lettuce				A	M	J		A	S	O		
Melons						J	J	A	S			
Nectarines						J	J	A	S			
Okra						J	J	A	S	O		
Onions				A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	
Peaches						J	J	A	S			
Peas				A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	
Plums						J	J	A	S	O		
Potatoes						J	J	A	S	O	N	
Pumpkins								A	S	O	N	
Radishes					M	J	J	A	S	O		
Rhubarb					M	J	J	A	S	O		
Spinach				A	M	J			S	O	N	
Sprouts					M							
Squash					M	J	J	A	S	O	N	
Strawberries					M	J						
Sweet Potatoes								A	S	O	N	
Tomatoes						J	J	A	S	O		
Turnips						J	J	A	S	O		

Source: Illinois Department of Agriculture

Looking Back



~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

To place ads in the Bulletin or on the website, you must be a Knox County Farm Bureau member. Call 309-342-2036 or email us at assistant@knoxcfb.org by the last Friday of each month to place your ad.

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ALOT Graduates 50



Fifty emerging farm leaders from throughout Illinois have graduated from the 1985 Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow training program sponsored by the Illinois Farm Bureau. Pictured with Harold Stahl, IFB board member (center) are Gary Lincoln, Larry Carlson, Margaret Tolley, Caroline Hoben, Steve Main, Fran Moore and Winn Wikoff, all of Knox County.

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Prime Timers News

PrimeTimers will 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!

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITERS OF THE MONTH

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representatives, Jeremy Kleine, John Ryner, Patrick Young, Doug Atwater, and Ed Johnson as the top membership recruiters in June. Each agent signed one new Associate Member. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.



Jeremy Kleine



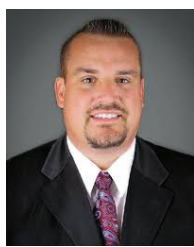
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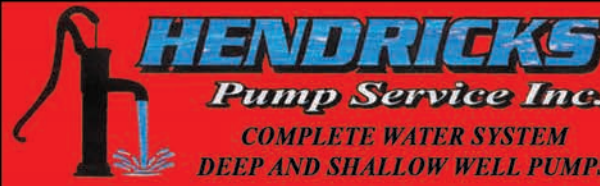
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