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Steve Johnson

Mananging Farm Risks Seminar Set for June 14

Dr. Steve Johnson will be at the Knox Agri Center on Tuesday, June 14 at 7 PM to present a marketing seminar titled "Managing Farm Risks in Uncertain Times".

Topics will include Supply/Demand & Crop Price Outlook, Summer Weather Forecasts & Review Crop Insurance Coverage, Pre-Harvest Marketing Strategies & Tools, Global Geo-Political Issues, Multi-Year Impacts for Row Crops & Livestock, Developing & Implementing Your '22 and '23 Crop Marketing Plans.

To reserve your seat, please call the Knox County Farm Bureau at 309-342-2036 or visit knoxcfb.org

IDOA Schedules Clean Sweep Collection

Program Will Safely Dispose of Unwanted Agricultural Pesticides

Residents of ten Illinois counties can dispose of unwanted agrichemicals for free this year through the Illinois Department of Agriculture's (IDOA) agricultural pesticide "Clean Sweep" program.

A "Clean Sweep" collection has been scheduled in the late summer for Fulton. Henderson, Knox, Marshall, Mercer, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, Warren, and Woodford counties. The collection, which rotates among Illinois counties, is open to farmers, retired farmers, nursery owners, private pesticide applicators, structural pest control applicators and landowners who inherited unwanted agricultural pesticides with their property.

"There are two main reason to take advantage of this program," said Brad Beaver, Acting Bureau Chief of Environmental Programs. "The Department is able to provide the service free of charge thanks to a grant obtained from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If individuals were to property dispose of

pensive. Secondly, the state of Illinois, not lection events through the state and colthe program patrician, will assume liability lected 626,669 pounds of material from for the proper disposal of all materials col- 2,196 participants.

Participants must register the products they plan to dispose of by July 27. Registration is required to give the waste disposal contractor time to prepare for the different kinds of materials that will need to be handled. Forms can be obtained either by calling the IDOA Pesticide hotline at 1-800-641-3934, online at https://www2. illinois.gov/sites/agr/Pesticides/Pages/ Pesticide-Clean-Sweep-Program.aspx or by visiting one fo the program sponsors listed

Completed forms should be mailed or faxed to the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The mailing address is: Clean Sweep Program, Illinois Department of Agriculture, State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, IL 62794-9281. The fax number is (217) 524-4882. Participants then will be sent a reservation card indicating the date, time, and location of their collection.

The "Clean Sweep" program began in 1990 in Illinois. Since the inception of the

agrichemicals on their own it could be exprogram, the Department has held 52 col-

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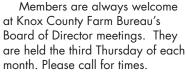






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Thank You KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU



Farmers natural partners in pollinator effort

It seems an unlikely thought that farmers would respect a plant with "weed" in its name. Yet the last few years, our farm has mowed or sprayed around patches of milkweed in pastures, ditches, field edges and grassy knolls in support of the monarch butterfly. Now, our kids experience and identify this signature orange-and-black pollinator as I did as a kid.

More importantly, scientists estimate that one of every three bites of food directly depends on pollinators like butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, moths and more, a fact more widely celebrated during Pollinator Week in late June. The amount of field

edges, ditches and conservation lands under farmer care position farmers to partner in this effort to support the pollinator popula-

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Illinois farms like ours allow more milkweed to proliferate and other flowering plants to bloom. The state's private landowners have committed more than 825,000 acres of sensitive lands to government-administered conservation practices sometimes mixed with native blooming plants. Nearly 120,000 of those acres - roughly the equivalent of 120,000 football fields- bloom spring to fall as dedicated habitats for honeybees.

Farmers increasingly voice their desire to support the survival of pollinators, so the Illinois Farm Bureau this year launched a program to financially and technically support members wishing to start pollinator conservation projects. The Farm Bureau created a mowing guide for agricultural landscapes. It sponsored outreach programs and developed a video series to highlight notable projects.

The results are promising. In just 10 years, my kids are spotting more monarch butterflies around the farmyard and seeing more ditch flowers to attract bees.

With proper precautions, pollinators and pesticides also can co-exist. The pesticide applicator training and exam that I completed this winter emphasized the importance of following label directions and noted responsible practices to keep local pollinators safe. Programs like DriftWatch allow voluntary communication between applicators and owners of apiaries. And we find the 4R's apply to pollinator stewardship as much as agronomic success: Right product at the right rate, the right time and in the right place.

Not to mention, leaving the land better than we found it is the right thing to do.

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.

'Agriculture: Still Top Industry in Illinois'

By Rep. Dan Swanson

I hope you had a safe planting season. At this writing, we jumped from the 60 degrees to 90 plus degree daytime highs in less than a week. Our planting tractor did not adjust to the weather change and continues to overheat on the hot days. Our calving has slowed down and most pairs are in the pastures.

Thank you to all of you fellow farmers and related industry members who help support the farming production process in Knox County which helps keep agriculture the number 1 industry in Illinois. Food, clothing, medicines, and many products that our families use day-to-day have their roots in agriculture and farming.

At last count, Knox County had 853 farms made up of over 414,000 acres of land with a market value of over \$3.3B. 93 percent of your farms in Knox County are still family farms with over 1,400 famers: 10% with military service and over 23% new and beginning farmers right here in Knox County.

Knox County has a long history in the agriculture industry with 97 farms identified as Centennial Farms (1833 – Barnum Family in Knox Township) and 17 farms listed on the Sesquicentennial Farm Registry (1836 – Dunlap Family in Cedar Township). You can help in the preservation of your rich history by applying for this recognition through the Department of Agriculture at: AGR.CentFarms@illinois.gov.

We cannot pretend that what happens outside of Illinois and the United States doesn't impact you right here in Knox County. For example, Russia's war in Ukraine has amplified the market dynamics in agriculture around the world. The federal government is considering a financial program to entice wheat producers to double-crop their fields and for farmers to plant an extra soybean crop after the winter wheat crop in 2023 because of the negative impact on Ukraine agriculture. At the time

of this writing, the price of soybeans, fed to livestock, chickens and salmon, as well as crushed into oils, has gained 26% and corn futures are up 37% so far this year.

Issues we need to keep a watch on that impact the ag industry are 'carbon pricing' schemes by environmental groups, programs to reduce the nutrient loads in runoff that impact water quality, and cover crop research like in Knox County to determine the pros and cons of such use with aerial application and the impact on soil health and value.

It is my continued commitment to you, as a fellow farmer, to advocate for common sense policies that are friendly to the agriculture industry as a member of the Agriculture & Conservation Committee and I encourage you to contact me any time you have a concern or a suggestion about the laws and regulations that impact your farming and your family. My online office is RepSwanson.com with my district phone number 309-334-7474 and email: swanson@ilhousegop.org.

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

FOREWORD

The Illinois Farm Bureau grassroots policy development process provides every voting member the opportunity to make known their policy statements about issues important to them. When properly supported through the grassroots policy development process, these policy statements are considered and may be adopted by the voting delegates at our annual meeting each

That delegate action guides the direction of the organization in carrying out its programs each year. It is from this grassroots input and direction that Farm Bureau realizes its strength as an organization serving the needs of our members.

Our focus now shifts to the collective efforts necessary to implement this policy.

The commitment of everyone to this policy, adopted by the majority of voting delegates, is needed if we are to succeed. Please join us as we work towards our mission, which is to improve the economic well-being of agriculture and

enrich the quality of farm family life. Richard L. Guebert, Jr., President Illinois Farm Bureau

73. FARM CREDIT We support:

- 1. The availability of adequate sources of credit for all agricultural interests.
- 2. Agricultural lenders publicizing their rates and loan policies.
 - 3. Farm Service Agency (FSA) assistance

to those borrowers who cannot obtain credit otherwise.

- 4. Continued graduation of FSA borrowers who exhibit the ability to obtain credit from conventional sources and continue to work with FSA in developing improved and flexible programs with more effective use of FSA funds.
- 5. FSA in providing adequate levels and terms of credit in a constructive and respon-
- 6. Reviewing and recommending appropriate FSA agency policy on loan term limits, loan size limits, and interest rate
- 7. FSA loans be secured by adequate collateral and reasonable repayment capacity.
- 8. The use of past business performance, when available, as a strong indicator of future performance when considering approval of an FSA loan for a farmer.
- 9. Educational programs for members and agricultural lenders on financial management and marketing programs.
- 10. Lenders cooperating with federal and state programs designed to help farmers with financial stress.
- 11. Illinois Finance Authority's (IFA) current agricultural loan programs and will cooperate with IFA in the expansion of existing programs and the development of new programs.
- 12. Legislation so that persons who have made prepayments to failed licensees for production inputs or services will receive a 100 percent refund of those payments, mak-

ing the purchaser of the inputs first in line as a secured creditor.

- 13. Increased funding for federal guaranteed farm loan programs. These programs should be made more user friendly for both bankers and farmers by allowing increased flexibility of repayment terms and minimizing paperwork.
- 14. Seeking legislation so alfalfa and grassland forages are considered farm storage facility loan commodities.
- 15. The Farm Credit System (FCS) remaining available to the farmer-owners through the cooperative system as an alternative to commercial banks.
- 16. Commercial banks, the FCS, and other lenders seeking opportunities to cooperate in meeting the financing needs of
- 17. Elimination of the "exit provision" in the Farm Credit Act.

We oppose:

- 1. Any move by commercial banks and/ or bankers to alter the structure of the FCS, including attempts to replace farmers on boards of directors with commercial bank-
- 2. Commercial banks having access to money procured by virtue of the agency status enjoyed by the FCS.
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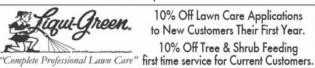
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Boating Safety and Precaution Tips

As boats hit the water this summer, 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 water-craft, 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 suspension.
- 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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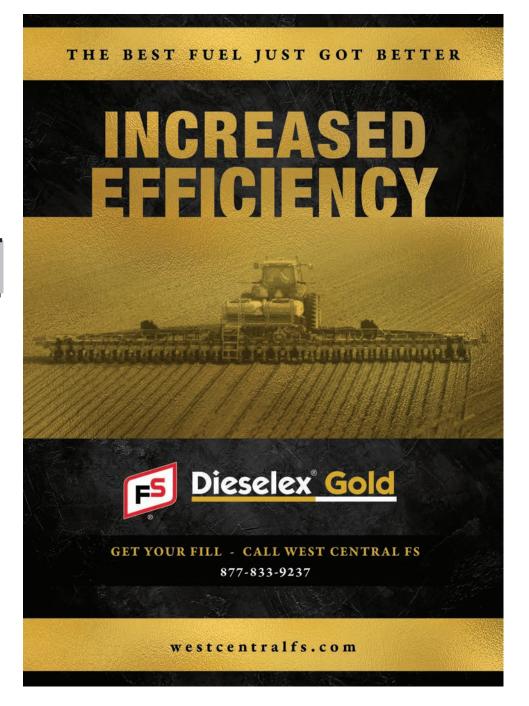
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Link, Nathan	Р	Р	С
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Shea, Damon	Р	Α	С
Stevens, Monica	Р	Р	С
Underwood, Kyle	Р	Р	С

(P) Present

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(C) Cancelled



AITC Update: The Chicks have come home to roost!

Teachers across Knox County have been raising 'spring chickens' in their classrooms since March.

Mrs. Green, the Ag in the Classroom coordinator, was able to provide incubators, egg turners and all the materials needed to raise chicks. Twenty-four teachers in every public grade school in Knox County, Costa Catholic School and Mt. Calvary PreSchool, had at least one classroom learning about the life cycle of chickens. Several teachers candled their eggs to help their students learn first-hand about chick development.

As part of the spring Ag in the Classroom education, Mrs. Green's lessons focused on chicks. The overwhelming response was: I can't wait to do this again next year! Some teachers were first time chick classrooms. They were nervous, but they didn't chicken out! In the end, they loved the experience and said, 'The kids are still talking about it!'.

Overall, 108 chicks were successfully hatched. Some chicks were returned to the farm where they originated, and some went home to established chicken coops. One teacher became so interested in raising chickens, she had a coop built so she could take her chicks home.

If you are a Knox County educator in need of an ag lesson, feel free to call the Knox County Farm Bureau and ask for an Ag in the Classroom coordinator (309-342-2036).



Mrs. Malek's kindergarten class King Elementary



Mrs. Lovell's fourth grade class at King Elementary



Mrs. Jones' first grade class at Silas Willard



Mrs. Zellman at Costa Catholic School



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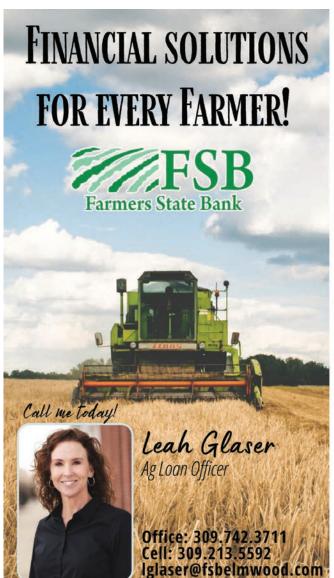


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Mike McKim









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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department

Fight the Bite and Standing Rainwater

The Knox County Health Department has between dusk and dawn. began combating the spread of mosquitoborne illnesses such as West Nile virus. The health department will distribute surveillance mosquito traps across the county through October. The traps will be monitored for West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses. If you come across a black tub with a white net, then you have come across the traps being used for mosquito trapping. Please do not disturb them.

As the temperatures and rain chances increase, the Knox County Health Department is requesting your help in reducing the risk from the serious disease's mosquitoes can carry. Regular cleaning activities can help diminish mosquito populations. Removing items from your yard that collect water, cleaning roof gutters and filling in low-lying areas will help prevent mosquitoes from breeding and allow outdoor activities such as gardening, barbecues, and outdoor play to be more pleasant

West Nile Virus is spread to people and horses through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes first become exposed to the virus when they feed on birds that are infected with WNV. Once the mosquito is infected, it may transmit the virus to people or other animals when it bites them. Many birds can be infected with WNV, but crows and blue jays are most likely to die from the infection. Horses, too, are prone to severe WNV infection.

Here are some simple precautions you can take to reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and protect yourself from being bitten. Precautions include the three "R's" – reduce, repel, and report.

REDUCE exposure - avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, especially

Make sure doors and windows have tightfitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors and windows shut, especially at night.

Avoid places and times when mosquitoes bite, before and after sunset and again just before dawn.

Wear long sleeves and pants when in wooded areas. Keep pant legs tucked into boots or socks. Eliminate all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, pet's water bowl, old tires, and any other receptacles.

REPEL - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR 3535, according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

REPORT – report locations where you see stagnant water for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The Health Department may be able to add larvicide to the water, which may kill any mosquito eggs.

The Knox County Health Department conducts active surveillance for West Nile Virus through mosquito trapping and collection of dead birds. If a dead bird is found between now and October 15th and appears to have died of natural causes and has no sign of decomposition, residents should report the sighting to the Health Department Monday thru Thursday, 8 am to 4 pm at 309-344-2224; for more information regarding West Nile Virus, please call the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224.

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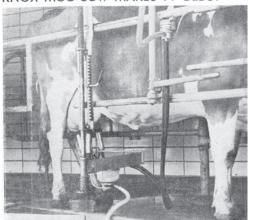
Looking Back



June 1967

Dairy facilities of Duane Serven, St. Augustine appeared on the Romper Room Show, WQAD-TV, Channel 8, Tuesday, June 13. The program was arranged by the Farm Bureau Women's Committee as part of June Dairy Month activities. A live cow appeared on the show at 9:00 a.m. as part of the program. The kids on the program were able to see how a cow is milked, and a brief explanation of what happens to milk before consumption in the home was made. The Serven milking facilities

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will also be featured on the Farm Show on Channel 8 during June.

PrimeTimers News

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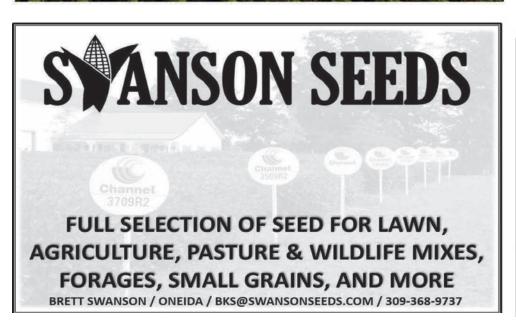
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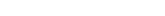




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