

Knox County Farm Bureau®

# Bulletin

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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## Lawn Mower & Tractor Safety School Scheduled

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers invite all 4-H and FFA members to attend the Lawn Mower & Tractor Safety School on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at Birkey's in Galesburg. Registration will begin at 5:30 pm, and the class will start promptly at 6:00.

This program is for all youth who may operate lawn mowers or tractors and is a prerequisite for the Lawn Mower and

Tractor Driving Contests that are held at the 4-H Fair in July.

All participants are encouraged to bring a parent, grandparent, or guardian. SMV emblems and other farm machinery areas will be discussed.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036.

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## Estate Conservation: It's not just for the rich and famous

Is having a will enough? Why would I need a trust? Join us for a no-cost, no-obligation seminar and insurance sales presentation that will educate you on how to conserve your estate in the way that will help your family the most. This seminar will help you learn the available methods to help conserve your estate for your heirs from the basic techniques to complex applications.

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- Estate conservation fundamentals
- Challenges you'll face
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Estate Conservation Seminar:

Wednesday, March 16, 2022/12:00pm

The Packinghouse

441 Mulberry St.

Galesburg, IL 61401

Presented by Kris Kline, Financial Specialist.

Please RSVP to Paula at 309-621-7091

## You Are Invited

### Nutrient Stewardship Field Day

Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmer Cover Crop Program

WEDNESDAY

**APRIL 6**

10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Knox County Farm Bureau (CFB) is hosting a spring field day to share details of their ongoing project and preliminary results. The field day will conclude with a panel of producers discussing their experiences with cover crops.

**LOCATION:** O'Connor Farms, 1/4 mile south of 2083 Knox Road 800, Wataga, IL 61488

**RSVP:** By Fri., April 1<sup>st</sup> to the Knox CFB by calling (309) 342-2036

**DETAILS:** Follow parking signs to field day location. Lunch will be provided. A soil pit will be available for viewing at the field day.

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Ag Day celebrates impact of family-dominated industry

Some families gather only for the major holidays. I work every day with the people who raised me.  
Dad and I pair as a combine-and-cart duo for 14-hour days during harvest. In the off-season, Mom and I work from facing desks, handling bills and agency reporting requirements as a team. I communicate with my brother daily, together managing the details of running our crop and livestock farm, one of 71,000 such farms in Illinois.  
An overwhelming 96% of Illinois farms are family owned and operated, a statistic worth recognizing in this season that hon-

ors National Ag Day on March 22 of 2022. That means families, not corporations, make most decisions about how food, feed and fuel are grown. Those farming partners represent any combination of spouses, siblings, cousins, fathers, mothers, sons, daughters and even in-laws and grandparents. My grandpa helped with harvest until he was 85. I soaked in those after-school moments when four generations of our family worked together in the same field.  
We plant fields, harvest crops and manage books as a family with critical support from local employees who feel like family. We seek guidance from a variety of industry professionals – including my husband's precision farming expertise – to improve the farm's economic and environmental viability. We shop local for fertilizer, seed, pesticides, insurances, tractors, trucks and fuel, adding to the collective efforts to support the local community and provide a financial livelihood for multiple households within it.  
By nature, farmers problem-solve on and off the farm with the passionate intent

to make a difference. In rural towns across Illinois, farmers serve as Sunday School teachers, 4-H leaders, sports coaches, school volunteers and FFA supporters. Farm shops host community gatherings, and farmers pool their unique resources to meet needs. A few years ago, farm families in our community provided the equipment and skilled labor necessary to erect a park playground, a volunteer effort that even the governor recognized and awarded.  
The value and impact of Illinois agriculture extends beyond the state and even nation's borders. Blessed with a navigable river system, Illinois ranks third nationally in the export of agricultural commodities, providing feed, food and fuel around the globe from farms owned and operated by families – families like ours who work together and gather around the table for Easter dinner, too.  
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.

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

43. PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS  
We believe in the sanctity of private property and individual rights as provided by the U.S. Constitution, as the basis of American freedom and progress. Private property should be defined to include all land, timber or other valuable considerations associated with land ownership.  
We support:  
1. Developing and seeking legislation defining how private property rights are impacted by government regulations and takings. Such legislation should provide for compensation to affected property owners for a total or reasonably measur-

able partial loss of use of property resulting from governmental regulations and takings including expanded setback requirements.  
2. Efforts to assist landowners when the rightful ownership of land is questioned by an organized group outside the control of the state in which the land was originally deeded. This assistance should include legal and financial assistance from the State of Illinois.  
3. Allowing landowners to select who does the field tile repairs, at the cost of the utility company or government entity, on their land when private or public projects go through and damage their tile lines.  
4. Legislation reforming Illinois law on the partition of property owned by heirs

to provide due process protections like the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act.  
5. The requirement that an individual must indicate how they are directly impacted by an issue when filing public comments on legislation, regulation, or related rules, to the county, to the State of Illinois, the U.S. Government, and/or their agencies.  
We oppose:  
1. Any effort to take away or transfer the right of a landowner to grant or deny easements especially on land where easements have previously been given for other purposes.  
2. Legislation allowing the public access to private property without the consent of the property owner.

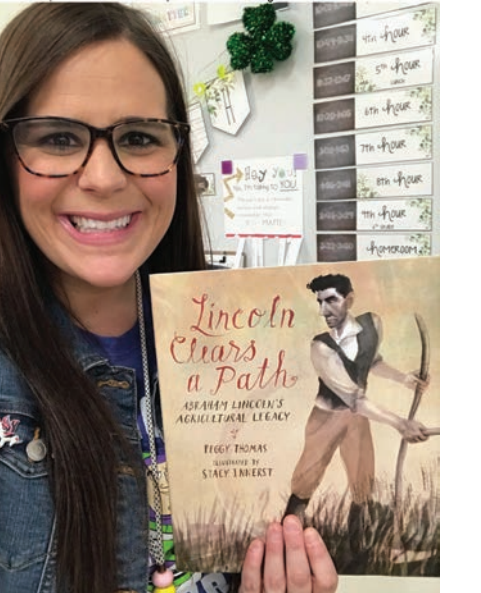
Ag in the Classroom Update: Thank a Farmer

Fifth graders at ROWVA and Lombard Middle School have had some special visitors in their classrooms this school year. Mrs. Green, as Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, has been teaming up fifth grade teachers and students with a farmer to learn about agriculture.  
Lori Engel, a farmer from Galesburg, has visited Mrs. Libby and Mrs. Ball's fifth graders at ROWVA. She shared with the students information about her farm where Angus cattle are raised and crops are grown. Students were especially interested to learn about livestock. Teachers are provided with an activity as a follow up to her visits.  
Lombard Middle School fifth graders in Mrs. Maaske and Ms. Saylor's classes had a visit from Drew DeSutter and Jeff Grady. They spent an entire day, with ten classes of students, talking about agriculture. Drew and Jeff brought tractor models and corn products. They shared slides and talked

about what they do on their farms.  
Thank you farmers for volunteering to help with ag education in Knox County. We hope to expand the program to more classrooms next year. Anyone interested in having a farmer visit your 5th grade classroom can contact Mrs. Green at the Knox County Farm Bureau. (309-342-2036)  
Mrs. Green spent the month of February talking about dairy and beef cows. Some students learned about the milking process, while others learned about cuts of beef and tagging. Students made cow puppets, cow hats, and tagged a cow! Students learned about the importance of having milk in their diet, as well as other products made from milk. Second grade students learned about Mr. Hershey and how his company was located among the dairy farms of eastern Pennsylvania. The addition of milk and corn syrup to raw cocoa, made delicious homemade Tootsie Rolls that the students sampled.



Drew DeSutter works with students at Lombard Middle School in Galesburg.




Mrs. Maaske, Lombard Middle School, shows off her new AgAccurate book!



Mrs. Washabaugh Steele Kindergarten Class.




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NEWS FROM COUNTRY FINANCIAL



# Tips for Talking About Money with Your Partner

If you are one half of a couple, you know all about compromising. From setting the thermostat to choosing the next show to binge, you navigate life together. Some decisions have more impact than others, like parenting styles, religion, and of course... money. You can find so many statistics that tell you financial issues are the most common factors leading to friction in relationships. Two factors may lead to disputes:

1. Partners have different priorities for how to use limited financial resources. For example, one may be a spender and the other a saver, or one wants to live in the moment, while the other wants to save for the future.

2. Partners don't openly communicate about spending. For example, one partner might be hiding credit card balances from another partner.

Money topics are very personal and talking about them can be intimidating. Consider these tips for having money conversations with your partner, setting goals, and building a solid financial future together.

**1. Make time to talk about money**  
When it comes to talking about money, think of the old adage, "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure." Embrace discomfort and have candid and courageous conversations before financial differences cause major issues in your relationship.  
Start by sharing your hopes and fears

about the future, as well as the financial implications of each one. You may not agree, but this dialog should end with a better grasp of each partner's feelings and priorities.

**2. Set financial goals**  
Let's use a sports analogy – when it comes to finances, you don't have to play the same position, but you need to be on the same team and run the same play. After sharing your financial aspirations get on the same page and prioritize what you're going to tackle, in what order.

Start by focusing on the big financial topics like budgeting, managing debt, preparing for retirement, financial goals like children's education needs, and protecting against the unexpected. Once you can agree on these big topics, move onto other lower-priority topics.

**3. Get professional help from a trusted partner**  
While couples should educate themselves about financial topics, they need to put that knowledge into actions that will improve financial outcomes. Even with the best of intent to go it alone, most people will find better success working with an experienced financial professional who can help them understand their needs and provide guidance customized to their needs and best interest. In classical economics, you could think of it as division of labor. Let a financial professional leverage their expertise for your benefit. That financial

professional can also help keep you both focused on the same goals and mediate any differences you may have. Together, you can build a plan to help you and your partner achieve your goals. By having open, honest conversations about money and

financial goals, you and your partner can help avoid conflicts and help set yourselves up for success.  
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## February Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on February 24, 2022

**Education & Outreach – Lori Engel**  
Women in Agriculture Conference will be March 25 at Bally's Casino.

**Farm Business – Becky King**  
On February 21, a landowners meeting was held by IFB regarding the Navigator Pipeline at the Knox Agri Center. Over 80 people attended.

**Government and Policy – Drew DeSutter**  
Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886.

**Member Relations – Jeff Grady**  
The 2022 Quota Program has been set and KCFB needs 1890 Associate Members and 842 Voting Members.

**Foundation – Hailey Weyhrich**  
Scholarship and Internship Applications were due February 11. The Internship Application deadline has been extended.

**PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich**  
PrimeTimers will meet on February 15, 2022, for a potluck and speaker. The next meeting will be February 16.

**Young Farmers – Tyler Main**  
Young Farmers will meet on February 23 for their Program of Work Planning meeting.

**KAC – Hailey Weyhrich**  
The Knox Agri Center Condominium Association will meet on February 22. The Spring Clean Up Day will be March 29 starting at 9AM.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
There are 4 vacancies on the Knox County Farm Bureau Board. Directors are looking to fill the spot in District 2, 3, and 5.

Over 130 people attending the KCFB Annual Meeting on January 29, 2022. Over \$4,000 was raised by the KCFB Foundation in the live and silent auctions.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
No new business was discussed.

### KCFB Board Attendance 2022

	December	January	February	
Beard, Jennifer	P	P	P	(P) Present
Bewley, Beau	P	P	P	
Courson, Dustin	A	P	A	
DeSutter, Drew	P	P	A	(A) Absent
Emken, Kurt	P	P	P	
Engel, Lori	P	P	P	
Goedeke, Phil	P	P	P	(C ) Cancelled
Grady, Jeff	P	P	A	
King, Becky	A	P	A	
Link, Cory	A	P	P	
Link, Nathan	P	P	P	
Nelson, Brian	P	P	P	
O'Connor, Tom	P	P	P	
Shea, Damon	P	P	A	
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P	
Underwood, Kyle	A	P	P	

# LUBRICANTS SALE

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**Feb. 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022**





# IAA Foundation Offers Scholarships to Drive Agriculture Forward

Truck drivers are critical for transporting farm commodities, inputs and food throughout Illinois and the nation. The IAA Foundation is pleased to administer the Driving Agriculture Forward Scholarship to help offset the cost of needed commercial truck driver training and ensure more well-trained, safe drivers are available.

“We are pleased to diversify the types of scholarships available through our program,” said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation. “We are encouraged by the insightfulness of donors who choose to support all facets of agriculture.” In late 2021, the Illinois Farm Bureau committed to funding the Driving Agriculture

Forward Scholarship. This donor agreement will continue for the next five years. Applicants enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a commercial driver training program at an Illinois Community College are encouraged to apply. Five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded every three months and are based on the Illinois Farm Bureau region where the applicant resides. All applicants must be Illinois residents and must provide proof of enrollment in during the corresponding award cycle. Additionally, an endorsement is required from a farmer, County Farm Bureau leader, agribusiness, or food processing business. Full eligibility guidelines and the link to apply is available on the Foundation website, [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). For more information, contact your County Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or e-mail Jennifer Smith at [jsmith@ilfb.org](mailto:jsmith@ilfb.org)

The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau’s charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

## AGENT SPOTLIGHT



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**Years with COUNTRY:** 21 years  
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**eMail Address:** [john.ryner@countryfinancial.com](mailto:john.ryner@countryfinancial.com)  
**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  
**Awards:** Four-time All American and Ten-time All Star recipient; Honor Roll recipient  
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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS


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

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Strom Family Farms GP	Al Larson
Carrie Walters	Carl Johnson
Christine Lofgren	Gerald Scott
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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department

March is National Nurtition Month

It's March...and do you know what that means? Yes, it is time for March Madness and Spring Cleaning, but most importantly, it is time to celebrate food and National Nurtition Month.

National Nurtition Month was created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to educate the public about healthy eating and help you make sound nutrition and lifestyle choices. Not everyone is the same; everyone has individual nutrition needs. Whether it is for cultural reasons, family tradition reasons, medical reasons or just a busy lifestyle, there are ways to be sure that you are "eating right" on a daily basis to ensure ideal health.

**Families on the go** — Just because a meal is prepared quickly does not mean that it cannot be nutritious. Try crockpot dinners with lean meats, tacos, or fajitas (made with corn tortillas, black beans, 2% milk cheese, avocado, and plain yogurt instead of sour cream), or a delicious baked potato topped with salsa, a variety of veggies and grilled chicken.

**Families that have a little more time** — Get your kids involved! Have them help you make a salad. Kids pick out a recipe and help to prepare it. Kids can also set the table. The more involved they are, the more likely they are to consume what is prepared.

**Child athletes** — A well-fueled athlete is going to be a happy athlete! Muscles need that nutritious energy to help your child run up and down the court/field. Be sure to have quick and easy snacks available to eat before practice. Try cheese sticks and crackers, peanut butter and apple, or a graham cracker and yogurt. Aim for two different food groups in the snack for a more complete nutrition delivery.

**Continue to make half of your plate fruit and vegetables**- Building a healthy plate is easy when you make half your plate fruits and veggies. It is also a great way to add color, flavor and texture plus vitamins, minerals, and dietary fiber. Make 2 cups of fruit and 2 ½ cups of vegetables your daily goal.

**Celebrate a World of Flavors** – Enjoying assorted flavors of the world is a chance to learn more about your own food culture as well as those that may be new to you. Trying foods and recipes from various cultures is one way to include assorted flavors into your healthy eating routine. Try a smoothie with low-fat yogurt or buttermilk and tropical fruits, like papaya or mango or, an omelet filled with fried rice, know as omurice in Japan.

For more information on National Nurtition Month please visit [eatright.org](http://eatright.org) for a variety of helpful tips, fun games, promotional tools and nutrition education resources.



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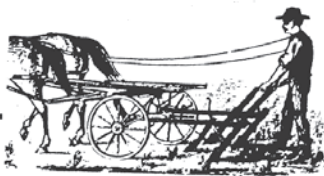
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# Looking Back



## Looking Back – March 2001

Young Farmer and Farm Bureau Board President, David Serven, taught the dairy session at the recently held Ag Day for Kids. David and Carrie Hawkinson developed a power point presentation that took the students on a “picture-tour” of David’s dairy farm.

The ninth annual Ag Day for Kids program was held March 7, 2001, to educate Knox County 4th Graders about agriculture. Over 500 students, along with their teachers, attended the program, held at Carl Sandburg College.



## PrimeTimers News

PrimeTimers will meet on March 16 with a potluck meal and speaker at noon at the Knox Agri Center. This month’s speakers will be local Young Farmers who have went out West for the wheat harvest. Please call the office to be added to the mailing list if you would like to join. Free to all members 55 and older!

## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH

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



## Recipe of the Month Walking Taco Casserole

### Ingredients:

- 1 ½ pounds Ground Beef
- 1/3 large Onion, chopped
- 1 can Green Chilies, small can
- 1 can Enchilada Sauce
- 2 oz Cream Cheese
- 1 bag Fritos Corn Chips
- 1 bag Shredded Cheese
- ¾ cup Lettuce, Shredded
- ½ cup Tomato, diced
- 16 oz Salsa
- 8 oz Sour Cream

### Instructions:

Brown ground beef with onion. Add green chilies, enchilada sauce and cream cheese. In a 9x13 pan, repeat layers as follows: Fritos chips – Meat Mixture – Shredded Cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until cheese is bubbly. Top individual servings with lettuce, tomatoes, salsa, and sour cream.

## ~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

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