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Rollie Main & Pat Hennenfent

Meritorious Service to Ag Award

The Knox Agri Center Condominium Meritorious Service to Ag Award. The award Association Board of Directors is tasked criteria is based on outstanding service to agwith choosing the yearly recipient of the riculture. Involvement in Farm Bureau and

> 4-H is considered. This year, the recipient was Rollie Main. Knox Agri Center President surprised Rollie Main with this award at the 2023 Knox County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

Past recipients include: 1980: A.R. Kemp 1982: Edwin J. Gumm 1984: Forrest Moberg 1985 Keith King 1987 Lois Taylor 1990: Don Teel 1991: Mark Frels 1993: John Block 1995: Dorothy Johnston 1999: Caroline Hoben



New President for KCFB

At the February KCFB Board of Director Meeting, Drew DeSutter was elected as President of KCFB. He will be replacing Beau Bewley who has retired from the Board. Pictured here, Beau received his Retired President pin from Drew. Phil Goedeke was elected Vice President, Lori Engel was elected Secretary and Jennifer Beard was re-elected as Treasurer.



Retiring Directors

At the 2023 KCFB Annual Meeting, Beau Bewley, above, and Nathan Link, below, were recognized by Board Member Tom O'Connor for their years for service to the Knox County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. Beau Bewley was replaced by Rob Emmons and Nathan Link was replaced by Aaron Link. Becky King was also recognized for her retirement from the KCFB Board of Directors but was not in attendance.

2000: Harry Gehring 2002: AL & Jeanne Harland 2004: Melvin Neumann 2005: Ted Mottaz 2006: Craig Sanford 2008: Rollie Moore 2012: Maurice DeSutter 2013: Howard Tolley 2014: C. David Bliss 2015: Teresa Sanford-Shipplett 2017: Jim Lee 2017: Housel Roberts 2018: Bruce Johnson 2019: Belle Steck 2020: Mike Hennenfent 2021: Mary Beth Bowman 2022: Rollie Main



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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Farming: A job with as many boots as hats

Before the first puddles of spring arrived, I would rummage through the supply of handme-down rubber boots, searching for the size that our young kids had grown into for the season. The appropriate footwear lined the back hall, ready for water to pond in the driveway.

Today, my teenagers splash less, but the boot dryer has a permanent space near an outlet and the family's boots now take up more space for a household with adult-sized feet. Shoes and boots for "farm" and "good" fill cabinets and cubbies by the back door.

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line part of the garage wall. Shelves display the nicer western boots that our kids wear to school, FFA events and the 4-H fair for showing livestock. Boots for the chicken coop stay in the garage.

Farmers wear as many boots as hats on the farm, symbolic of a wide range of skills worth recognizing in this season that honors National Ag Day on March 21, 2023. In Illinois, families (not corporations) own and operate an overwhelming 96% of farms. Those families pull on boots as agronomists, veterinarians, accountants and mechanics. They operate heavy machinery, manage employees, build fence and monitor weather to know what boots to wear.

In this job of many boots, we may scout bean fields on a dewy summer morning or clean a livestock stall for the next cow to give birth. Hard-soled boots climb from the tractor to check seed depth behind the planter. We attend farm conferences in our best boots

Rubber boots - both insulated and not - or spend a winter afternoon with the family in snow boots, sledding the slope southeast of the farmstead.

> For some farms, plastic boot covers protect animals from devastating diseases that could transmit from boot treads. That's not the case for us but boot covers would help at times. Someone occasionally leaves a trail of mud in the farm office, despite the boot scraper outside the door.

Three boot dryers await their duties along the footwear wall where Dad and the guys store boots for every season and task, from chores to cheer - or sometimes, the unexpected. I wore rubber boots to my aunt's funeral a few years ago to keep my heels out of the mud. It was my nod to the career farm woman, who would have done the same.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, hay and cover crops and raise beef cattle and backyard chickens.

IAITC "Show Us Your Boots" Campaign

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) is launching a "Show Us Your Boots" social media campaign to celebrate the release of the children's book Farm Boots by Lisl Detlefsen. This joyful, rhyming tale shows readers the many boots needed throughout the seasons on the farm.

IAITC is currently requesting video submissions from 4-H and FFA Members, as well as farm kids from around the state, to "show us your boots." IAITC hopes to showcase the diversity of Illinois farms and farm families and the many "boots" they wear to get their work done on the farm.

These videos will be posted on IAITC's social media accounts from March 20 through April 20 of this year. Individuals interested in participating are invited to visit https://iaitc.co/boots for more information and to find a video submission link.

Farm Boots, by Lisl H. Detlefsen, will be released March 21, 2023 – National Agriculture Day! Learn more at https://www. feedingmindspress.com/our-

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4. Funding for organic agriculture, production, education, and technical assistance by non-government organization, universities, and extension.

5. Enhanced marketing opportunities for producers of organically grown commodities

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Amanda Crozier Connie & Shawn Hank Jacob Nelson Stacey Rucker Brett Selfridge

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Be realistic and reward yourself. Give

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do-able savings amount. You can also reward

yourself as you hit certain targets - whether

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reward like taking a nap while your kids do

Recognize the role of insurance. In

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addition to the importance of having an

NEWS FROM COUN COUNTRY Emergency funds and you comes up. It can be a big relief to not have financial worries while dealing with an

We've all heard it's smart to have money set aside in an emergency fund, but what does that mean exactly?

Let's start by describing a financial emergency.

This is an unexpected situation that has an impact on your normal income or expenses. Some of the most common financial emergencies include:

- Job loss or reduced hours
- Sudden health problem that affects your ability to work
- Medical bills
- Natural disaster .
- Divorce .
- Death of a spouse .
- Significant home repair .
- Major car issue like a transmission or suspension problem

We typically don't include anticipated expenses in the category of financial emergencies. Although replacing your home's furnace or car's tires can be expensive, you can anticipate these costs based on the item's age and typical life span. These replacements should ideally be covered by your general savings

and not pulled from your emergency fund. How much do I need?

Experts typically recommend building an emergency fund that contains enough money to cover 3-6 months of essential expenses. We know that sounds overwhelming, so we've broken it down into five steps that will put you on the path to a well-funded emergency account: Know your numbers. Start by identifying (or confirming) how much your necessary monthly expenses are (include rent or mortgage, utilities, insurance, car payments, food, etc.) and exclude those things you can't do without if needed (dinners out, green fees, fashion splurges).

Set your goal(s). Multiply the above number by three to determine the minimum amount you should have available and by six to establish your higher-end goal. This emergency fund should be easily accessible (commonly used accounts include savings, checking and money market).

Choose a winning mindset. Although it might seem like a bummer to eliminate a few fun expenses, remind yourself that this will make life easier when an emergency

February Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on February 16, 2023.

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel The next Adult AITC program is being planned.

Farm Business - Brian Nelson

Illinois Farm Bureau will be hosting a Rule of the Road Meeting on March 15 at 6PM at the Agri Center. Registration is required.

Government and Policy - Drew DeSutter Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886. There is a Legislative Luncheon scheduled for March.

Member Relations - Jeff Grady

The 2023 quota program has been released.

Young Farmers – Tyler Main

The next Young Farmers Meeting will be March 9 at 6PM at the Agri Center. The FFA Acquaintance Night will be March 21 at Beaver's Teeth in Knoxville.

21 for a potluck meal and speaker. Amanda Powell from Therapy for Positive Aging will be the speaker.

2023 Internship and scholarship applications are due February 10, 2023. The quar-

KAC – Hailey Hennenfent

ruary 28 for their quarterly meeting.

There are 3 vacancies on the Knox County Farm Bureau Board. The 2024 KCFB Annual Meeting will be held on January 27, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

KCFB made a donation to WIU Hoof 'n Horn and will continue sponsoring the Grand Champion Steer at the Knox County Fair.

	KCFB E	Board Atter	ndance	
	January	February	March	
Beard, Jennifer	Р	Р		(P) Present
Bewley, Beau	Р	Р		(A) Absent
Bollivar, Jason	Р	Р		
Courson, Dustin	A	A		(C) Cancelled
DeSutter, Drew	Р	Р		
Emken, Kurt	A	Р		
Emmons, Rob	-	Р		
Engel, Lori	Р	Р		
Goedeke, Phil	Р	Р		
Grady, Jeff	Р	Р		
King, Becky	A	-		
Link, Aaron	-	Р		
Link, Cory	Р	A		
Link, Nathan	Р	-		
McCormick, Joel	-	P		
Nelson, Brian	Р	A		
O'Connor, Tom	Р	Р		
Shea, Damon	Р	A]
Stevens, Monica	Р	A		
Underwood, Kyle	P	Р		

PrimeTimers - Hailey Hennenfent

The PrimeTimers will meet on February

Foundation - Hailey Hennenfent

terly meeting will be held on February 28.

The Agri Center Board will meet on Feb-

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Ag In The Classroom Update

County classrooms this spring! Almost every school district in Knox County will have at least one classroom raising chicks before or after spring break. Students from preschool through sixth grade will be patiently waiting 21 days for their chicks to hatch.

Ag in the Classroom has helped by providing eggs and incubators to every teacher that requested them. This year, more teachers than ever were ready to give it a try. Twenty teachers are currently incubating eggs and twenty more will be incubating eggs after spring break. We are hoping to have a great experience for the students, as their teachers are watching over their eggs like a mother

There are great eggs-pectations in Knox hen! We look forward to sharing pictures and experiences of this egg-citing adventure!

March also means we will be celebrating National Ag Day! On March 21, awareness for agriculture will be raised across the United States. For voting members, you will be receiving a letter from the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation asking for your support.

The fundraising that the Foundation does allows the Ag in the Classroom program to be so successful and do these fun things. If you are an associate member and interested in donating to the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation, contact the office for more information!



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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department

Knox County Health Department Welcomes Rebecca Drehman, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

(KCHC) program housed at the Knox County Health Department, recently welcomed a new team member; Family Nurse Practitioner, Rebecca Drehman, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC. The Knox Community Health Center provides compassionate, patient-centered care for all residents in Knox County, IL and no one is turned away due to their inability to pay; there are payment options for everyone.

As a family nurse practitioner, Rebecca is trained to provide services to individuals of all ages and has been a APRN for three years with seven years of nursing experience prior to becoming a family nurse practitioner. Ms.



The Knox Community Health Center Drehman comes to the Community Health Center with a degree from Chamberlain University. Rebecca states, "I am looking forward to providing quality health care to the Knox County community that focuses on the patient as a whole and providing prevention wellness and disease management to all age groups."

Reina Reyes, Chief Operations Officer, expresses a high regard for Rebecca's enthusiasm and excitement about her work. "She brings a tremendous positive energy to the Community Health Center," states Reyes, "She is a great addition to the Community Health Center alongside Robert Wagner, MD and Carol Sacco, APRN." "The Community Health Center, as well as Knox County Community members, are fortunate to have Rebecca providing services for this community, she truly cares about making a difference."

Rebecca Drehman, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC is currently accepting new patients of all ages at the Knox Community Health Center. Please call 309-344-2225 Monday thru Friday 7:00am to 5:00pm to schedule an appointment. Establish care now, so that the Community Health Center can be here for you when you need us later. Whether it is cold or flu, wellness testing, or something more concerning; we want to be ready to care for you.

What are Health Centers, also known Federally Qualified Health Centers as

Recipe of the Month Lasagna Stuffed Peppers

Ingredients:

- 6 Large Sweet Red and Yellow Bell Peppers, halved and seeded
- Water (as needed)
- 1lb ground beef
- 3 Cans (8 oz) Tomato Sauce
- 1 Can (6 oz) Tomato Paste
- Salt (to taste)
- ¹/₂ tsp Dried Oregano
- ¹/₂ tsp Garlic Powder
- ¹/₄ tsp Ground Black Pepper
- 3 Cartons (5 oz) Prairie Farms Low-fat Cottage Cheese
- 2 Cups Mozzarella Cheese, shredded
- 1 Cup Cheddar Cheese, shredded

Directions:





(FQHCs)? Community Health Centers are located in, and serve, high-need communities; Knox County is designated as a Healthcare Provider Shortage Area for primary care, dental and mental health services. However, the Knox Community Health Center offers comprehensive health care services as well as supportive services (education, translation, and transportation assistance) that promote access to health care for all members of the community, regardless of your ability to pay.

The mission of the Knox Community Health Center is to provide quality and compassionate health care services to all in need, regardless of their ability to pay. For patients that are uninsured or underinsured, we offer a Sliding Fee Discount Program which can provide discounts on medical, dental, and behavioral health services to individuals based on income and household size. The Community Health Center also accepts most insurance plans including Medicare, Medicaid (including the Managed Care Organizations) and private insurance. Individuals with or without insurance are encouraged to apply for the Sliding Fee Scale Program because if qualified, the Community Health Center will file with your insurance plan; however, you will never be responsible for more than you would pay under your Sliding Fee Scale Program approved Plan.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with one of our providers, please contact the Knox Community Health Center at 309-344-2225, Monday thru Friday 7:00am-5:00pm. The center is located at 1361 W. Fremont Street, Galesburg, IL. We want to be your medical home!



- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. 1.
- 2. Arrange bell peppers, cut side up, in a baking dish; season with salt. Pour enough water into dish to be ¹/₄-inch depth.
- 3. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir beef in the hot skillet until browned and crumbly, about 4-5 minutes; drain and discard grease. Add tomato sauce, tomato paste, salt, oregano, garlic powder, and black pepper to ground beef; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until flavors blend, about 10-15 minutes.
- 4. Fill each bell pepper with a heaping tablespoon cottage cheese, top with a layer of mozzarella cheese, a layer of cheddar cheese, and meat sauce. Sprinkle each pepper with more mozzarella cheese and cheddar cheese.
- 5. Bake in the preheated oven until peppers are tender and cheeses are melted, about 50 minutes.



March 2023



1970 - Bowling Finalists Represent 77 Counties

Looking Back

If enthusiasm for the bowling event is an indication of things to come 1970 should be a smashing success for Illinois Farm Sports Festival.

At the March 14 bowling finals in Springfield, 468 bowlers representing 77 county Farm Bureaus entered 18 competition classes that ranged from events for five-man teams to events for senior men and senior ladies.

Sports Festival officials indicated that was the first year that bowling final competition was filled in all classes.

Bowlers qualified for distract competition by excelling in county bowling tournaments. More than 5,000 persons took part in the county contests. Eleven district contests attracted 2,700 entries from 95 counties.

Carleton Apple, Enfield, a member of the board of directors of the Illinois Agricultural Association and chairman of the Farm Sports Festival Administration Committee, presented trophies to state bowling contest winners.

Knox County was represented in the Open Class Mixed Doubles by Martha Olinger and Kenneth King; Open Class Men's Doubles – A.W. Sornberger and Beecher Sexton; Young Adult Women's Team – Mrs. James Bailey, Mrs. Russell Swanson, Mrs. Mike Hennenfent, Miss Peg Hennenfent, and Mrs. Gary Lincoln. The above-named representatives had placed first in their individual classifications in the district competition which had been held at Northgate Lanes in Galesburg.

Bowling concluded the first phase of the 1970 Sports Festival. Frank Chambers, festival director, said the next event will be the trap shoot which is slated for July 18 in Spring-field. State golf finals are set for August 5 in Decatur. Other Sports Festival finals – such as softball, swimming, diving, tennis, and horseshoes – will be conducted in Springfield on August 25-26.

PrimeTimers News

PrimeTimers will meet on March 21 for their monthly meeting potluck and speaker. Tom Simkins will be speaking. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish to pass. 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



Ed Johnson



Patrick Young

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representatives, Ed Johnson, Mike White, and Patrick Young as the top membership recruiters in February. Each representative signed two new Associate Members. Call your COUNTRY Representatives for all your insurance and financial needs.



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