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Steve Johnson Seminar Nov. 15

Dr. Steve Johnson will be at the Knox Agri Center on Tuesday, November 15 at 7PM to present a marketing seminar titled "Managing '23 Crop Margins".

Topics will include estimating crop costs, using your own budgets to determine breakevens, utilizing risk management tools, and outlook for crop prices.

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



Prime Timers October

For the October Meeting, the PrimeTimers group visited The Belted Cow Orchard for a tour and then lunch at Patton Block Grill and Brewpub. What a fun day to a neighboring county!

ALOT Applications Now Available

Are you, or someone you know ready to take the next step in their leadership development? The Illinois Farm Bureau has a program to help with that. The Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) provides participants with the tools they need to reach their full potential and emerge as a leader in agriculture. Whether they are on your county Farm Bureau board, county Farm Bureau committee, or a leader in agribusiness or your local community, they'll benefit from ALOT just as the over 1,200 previous graduates have.

Classroom studies cover leadership, communication & professional skills, political process, agricultural economics, and global issues, and are taught by experts in a variety of fields. Classes will be conducted over a nine-week period in a different region of the state each year, so there's sure to be one near V011

In 2023, there will be six weekly sessions held at one of the following locations:



Jacksonville, Springfield, and Bloomington, Illinois as well as two sessions on Zoom. Of those in person sessions, two overnight sessions will be in Springfield and one in Bloomington.

The ALOT program is limited to 25 participants, who are chosen following interviews conducted on December 15th by the ALOT advisory committee. There is an \$800 tuition fee, which includes meals, lodging, and instructional materials.

Applications are available online at www. ilfb.org and are due by November 15. For more information about the program, contact the Knox County Farm Bureau, visit the Illinois Farm Bureau® website at www.ilfb. org under "Get Involved," or contact the IFB Training and Development Department at 309-557-3943.

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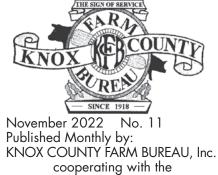






Knox County Farm Bureau

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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Farmers feed the need for nutrients Like humans, crops have dietary needs. And just as food prices have soared, fertilizers that provide nutrients for crops have nearly tripled since 2020.

Farmers take great responsibility in managing the land under their care, including the need, timing and placement of fertilizer that provides essential nutrients for crop growth and development. Skyrocketing costs accelerate the motivation to use them effectively to maximize profitability and minimize environmental impact.

The goal: Make the desired nutrients available and accessible when crops need them yet keep those necessary nutrients out of groundwater, lakes, streams and rivers. On our farm, we drink from the former and play in the latter.

Improving nutrient retention in the soil is the premise of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, a statewide, voluntary effort to improve water quality. The sciencebased initiative uses research, technology and industry experience to assess and reduce nitrogen and phosphorous losses to Illinois waters, the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico.

Armed with generations of experience,

evolving research and modern technology, today's farmers have more tools than during Grandpa's farming career to finetune management of soil nutrients. A significant part of that effort focuses on the 4R strategy, or placing the right fertilizer source, at the right rate, right time and in the right place. Success combines these specific fertilizer targets with agronomic and conservation practices.

Cover crops grow on a larger base of Illinois land, including our own, to provide a groundcover to hold nutrients between growing seasons. Grass waterways and buffer strips in our fields filter nutrients from water that moves across the land. Reduced tillage and no-tillage practices inhibit loss of soil and nutrients.

Global-positioning technology allows us to variably apply nutrients across soils based

on defined, site-specific needs, which vary by crop, by field and soil types within a field. Our tests with the evolving market of biologicals shows promise to use soil microbes to enhance fertilizer's availability to plants while supporting yield.

Nutrient retention proves the right decision both economically and environmentally. Illinois Farm Bureau believes so, too, and since 2015, the organization has committed more than \$2.4 million of its own funding through county-level Nutrient Stewardship Grants and other efforts to support implementation of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

Illinois is blessed with some of the best soil and water resources in the world, and farmers assume great responsibility to protect them as they feed the soil that helps feed the world.



Legisative Update "Wrapping Up Harvest: Remain Safe"

By Rep. Dan Swanson

When it comes to fall harvest, there is a lot to be done in a short amount of time. Top that off with shorter days and colder weather and you get a developed sense of urgency among farmers, which can lead to injury and death. A new tradition I have noticed the past few years is the Blue and Gold Corduroy jackets visiting the corn and bean fields with a "harvest bag" of food, snacks and drinks. Mallory Swanson Tolley, FFA Advisor Knoxville FFA said in a Knoxville FFA Facebook Post, "Thank a Farmer! We did, by delivering harvest bags to the field. Wishing everyone a safe end to the harvest season on behalf of the Knoxville FFA Chapter." I know many FFA programs provide a similar "harvest bag". We appreciate and acknowledge your efforts in thinking of us during the stressful harvest season.

I am amazed at the growth and determination in our local FFA organizations. When not in session, I attend as many FFA banquets as I can and if I can't my wife Tammy attends. I am proud to see the commitment of these young men and women as the FFA Leadership team conducts the official business session awarding members with their Greenhand, Star Farmer awards or recognizing members for participating in many contests or events. FFA helps establish a foundation for our young leaders. My



Dad, Ron Swanson, along with 30 other AlWood "vocational agriculture students," the FFA Advisor, George Lewis, State FFA President and Bob Herriott, State FFA Secretary signed the Original AlWood Future Farmers of

America Incorporated Charter the eighteenth day of January 1949.

2022 was another interesting growing season. On our farming operation we were blessed with rain. Talking with farmers in southern Knox County, the rains were few. But, even in areas with below normal rainfall, yields were in some cases more than what was expected. Today, I'd like to say thank you and recognize the agronomists and others who continue to research and test for resilient hybrid crops that can produce in extreme conditions. Each year, crop selection is a balancing of growing conditions, field selection, and in-field management that can bring up some tough questions to navigate the public about where their food actually begins – The Farm. Those of us in the agriculture community all know that food doesn't just come from a grocery store. Somewhere there is a farmer, who produced the fruits and vegetables in the produce section, the dairy products, and the frozen meat in the freezer section. Farm Bureau does an excellent job through the "Adopt a Legislator" program to inform and educate legislators on farm life and business.

I'd like to remind landowners of the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Bicentennial, Sesquicentennial, and Centennial Farm Recognition program. Knox County has 98 Centennial farms, beginning with the Barnum Family Farm in Galesburg that has been in the same family since 1833; and 17 Sesquicentennial farms with the Dunlap Family farm the oldest on the list from 1836. Help preserve our rich farming history by applying for these designations when your farm is eligible. We received our Centennial recognition this year.

Thank you to all of you fellow farmers and related industry members who help

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We reserve the right to reject any or all news material or advertisements offered to this paper. PLEASE REPORT ANY CHANGES IN YOUR ADDRESS TO OUR OFFICE

Thank You KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU when working for bigger yields. The variable field environments, weather, and fertility all are part of the extensive equation of developing better yields.

We must all continue to help educate

support the farming production process in Knox County! Please contact me any time about your issues, concerns, and suggestions to help keep agriculture the top industry in Illinois.

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

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We support farming methods that result in:

1. Profitability.

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future demand.

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2. Incentives that encourage farmers to accept the risk of testing non-traditional means of farming.

3. Efforts to provide information to farm- input methods of farming.

ers on proven means of improving the efficiency of inputs.

4. Research to study soil health and its future productivity.

5. The use of an integrated pest management program to control pests in crop production.

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NEWS FROM COUNTRY FIN COUNTRY When Do I Need Life Insurance?

You'll likely reach a few milestones when you and your family may think about the value of life insurance coverage. A recent COUNTRY Financial Security Index survey found that 3 in 10 Americans don't have life insurance for themselves or a spouse. While it may not be a priority, meeting with an insurance agent to see how life insurance could protect your loved one is an important part of achieving your financial goals.

We all know life is unpredictable. To protect your family from the unthinkable, consider five life milestones that should prompt you to check in with your insurance agent and ask about life insurance"

1. Going to college -- Life insurance can help pay for those college loans if something happens to you. Depending on the type of loan, parents may be responsible for student loans.

2. Getting married -- Your spouse may need help paying for expenses if something happens to you.

3. Having a child -- If you're married

and have kids, the money from a life insurance death benefit could help your family carry on financially if they no longer had your income. In fact, more than one-third of households say they'd feel the financial impact within one month if the primary income earner passed away.

4. Buying your first house -- If anyone relies on your income to help pay the mortgage, the money from a life insurance death benefit could help ensure your family stays in their home well after you're gone.

5. Becoming an empty-nester -- whole life insurance can provide benefits while you're still living, such as supplementing retirement income or making a down payment on a vacation home.

Take the time to reflect on the changes you experienced this year, and what may be down the road. Reach out to your insurance agent for information about how they can help you protect the things that matter most and plan for your future.

AGENT SPOTLIGHT

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Education: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Designations: CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER, Chartered Life Underwriter, Chartered Financial Consultant, Investment Solutions Representative

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Mission Statement: Provide financial security to help clients reach their goals.

October Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on October 20, 2022

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel An adult Ag in the Classroom Program is coming soon.

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. Steve Johnson will be held on November 15.

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

Young Farmers will meet November 10 for their monthly meeting.

PrimeTimers - Hailey Hennenfent

PrimeTimers will be taking an orchard tour on October 18 to Belted Cow Orchard. Their November meeting will be November 15.

Foundation – Hailey Hennenfent Nothing new to report.

KAC - Hailey Hennenfent The Agri Center Board met on August 23 and is accepting nominations for the

Meritorious Service to Ag Award. **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.

IFB Vice President Brian Duncan is being contacted to be the keynote speaker at the KCFB Annual Meeting. **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

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Link, Nathan	A	Р	Р	1
Nelson, Brian	P	Р	Р	1
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Underwood, Kyle	A	Р	Р]

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What Parents Need to Knox

If you have young kids, you are probably a germ-fighting ninja during the flu season. And as the holidays approach, the flu and COVID-19 are not the only viruses' parents need to be on the lookout for - respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)?

RSV is incredibly dangerous for little kids, but most people have never even heard of it. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this virus puts an estimated 58,000 kids younger than age 5 in the hospital each year in the U.S. Just like the flu, it has a season: November and December are the worst months for contracting RSV.

So why are people not talking about RSV? For adults and even

older children, RSV infection presents much like an allergy or a common cold, and it is easily dismissed. Most people who get RSV will never know that's what they had. It hardly seems like a problem to most of us, but that is exactly what why it is so important to know about it. When you are not aware of the risk, transmission to infants and young children is all too likely to occur.

The virus affects the upper respiratory system with a runny nose, cough, or sore throat. When it moves into the bronchi or the lungs, it can cause pneumonia or bronchitis. The virus is transmitted through the air, similar to how the flu and COVID are spread. Therefore, it is not easy to know if a child has

RSV, the flu, or COVID based on symptoms alone.

The most at risk for catching RSV are infants, children under 5 and seniors. Young children, especially infants, do not have mature immune systems to fight it off like adults, they also have smaller airways.

Knox County and surrounding counties have already seen an increase in cases of RSV or other winter viruses. This could be in part because children have largely been apart, out of school and wearing masks for two years. Parents should look for such symptoms as:

- Changes in how the child is eating
- Difficulty breathing
- Gasping or wheezing

FARMER'S MARKET PERMIT FEES **Public Meeting**

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

3 pm – 5 pm

Knox County Health Department

1361 W Fremont St, Galesburg, IL 61401

The Knox County Health Department is soliciting public input on determining initial fees for a Farmer's Market Permit

Products Requiring a Farmer's Market Permit

- Frozen, potentially hazardous foods
- Meat, poultry, dairy, and eggs
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- Non-potentially hazardous foods
- Fresh whole produce
- Cottage Foods



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The only way to know if a child or adult has RSV, the flu or COVID is to be tested, and unlike COVID, there are not at home tests for RSV and flu.

Remember that it is not too late to get a flu shot and everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine. Also, getting a COVID vaccine continues to be the best way to protect yourself, your family, your friends, and your community. Increasing the rate of COVID-19 vaccination and boosters in our communities will help protect against COVID-19. Contact the Knox County Health Department or your family health care provider to schedule an appointment for either of these vaccines.

To help prevent RSV, the flu, and COVID individuals should continue to consciously practice



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preventative measures by following the 3C's-

Clean – wash your hands Cover- cover your cough and sneeze

Contain- contain your germs- stay home if you are <u>sick</u>

The Knox County Health Department is offering flu and COVID vaccines by appointment only. The cost for the flu vaccine is \$35, \$70 for highdose and Medicaid, Medicare, cash, check, and credit card are accepted. Health Department staff will be practicing masking and social distancing during your visit and all patients are being asked to wear face coverings as well.

If you have any questions about RSV, seasonal flu or COVID or would like to make an appointment, call us at 309-344-2224.

Junk 4 Jingles

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Recipe of the Month Fall Harvest Salad

Ingredients: For the salad -

6 cups greens (arugula, spinach, romaine, kale)

1 green or red apple, thinly sliced ¹/₄ cup pomegranate seeds ¹/₄ cup dried cranberries $\frac{1}{2}$ cup feta cheese

For the walnuts or pecans -1 cup raw walnuts or pecans 3 tablespoons white sugar 1 tablespoon unsalted butter 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon Pinch of nutmeg



For the vinaigrette -1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoon white sugar

¹/₂ teaspoon salt

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- Understand the changes in agriculture Learn from experts
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Dab of Dijon mustard (1/8 of a teaspoon)

Instructions:

Candy the walnuts or pecans -

Heat a skillet over medium heat. Add butter and let melt completely. Reduce heat to medium low. Whisk in sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Add walnuts or pecans and stir to coat. Cook for 4 to 5 minutes until they are a toasted deep brown, stirring frequently to avoid the walnuts/pecans sticking together. Remove them to a piece of parchment paper and let cool.

Assemble the salad –

In a large bowl, toss the ingredients for the salad together. In a small bowl, whisk together the ingredients for the vinaigrette. Drizzle over the salad and top with cooled candied walnuts/pecans.

Looking Back

~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

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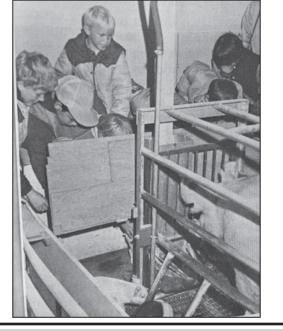






November 1981

ROVA 5th graders toured Jerry King's hog confinement facilities as part of the Ag-Education program provided by the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.



PrimeTimers News

The November meeting will be held on November 15 at Cherry Street Brewing Company at noon for the Holiday Meal. 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 RECRUITER OF THE MONTH

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







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