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### New AITC Coordinator Hired

Hello to the members of Knox County Farm Bureau. My name is Merris Hennenfent and I will be working as the new Ag-in-the-Classroom instructor for third through fifth grades this year. I recently retired from CUSD#205 as a fifth grade teacher. Roxanne Green and I taught together at Gale Elementary School so I am delighted to be working with her again.

I am a Knox County girl. I grew up on an acreage in Wataga and was a member of Sparta Sparklers and Wataga Livestock 4-H clubs. I graduated from Galesburg Schools and Knox College and have been an educator in Galesburg schools since 1985

My husband, Jeff, and I have two daughters. Emily and her husband, John, live in fabulous Las Vegas and are the parents of our fabulous first grandchild, Zella Ruth. Our younger daughter, Sarah, is a senior at Western Illinois University.

While I am new to this position, my husband and most of his family work in production agriculture and I have relatives and promoting agriculture to the students who are seventh generation family



farmers in Northwestern Missouri. I am looking forward to this new opportunity of Knox County.

### **Steve Johnson Seminar Nov. 15**

Steve Johnson

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

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

Becky Trollard Chevenne Johnson Dennis Erickson

# **Resources Available To** Help Livestock Farmers

#### **By Lauren Lurkins**

Here at Illinois Farm Bureau, we work hard on behalf of all our members. Our farmer members who raise livestock are no exception.

Livestock farmers are represented mightily by their respective commodity organizations, and Illinois Farm Bureau has worked alongside those organizations to continuously communicate with the Illinois inspections to meet those commitments. In Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on addition, there have been changes to inspeca variety of issues related to our members' operations and the environment.

Our ongoing collective effort has focused on clarifying and simplifying the rules and regulations regarding concentrated animal feeding operations. Part of those rules, which took place in August 2014, apply to all farms regardless of size.

To provide our members with their "first step" in understanding if and how the rules impact their operations, we developed separate resource guides for swine, dairy and beef operations. These resource guides help our members ensure compliance and increase their confidence in operating accord- Dale ing to best practices.

To specifically reach small- and mediumsized operations that may not be aware of the details of the rules, we designed an environmental education program called "Farm Gate."

Recently, we have been hearing from several livestock farmers across the state who are being contacted by Illinois EPA for environmental inspections. In light of that, we wanted to take a moment to provide information that can provide context to the inspections, as well as point you toward resources that can help you prepare for the same.

To start, Illinois EPA enters agreements every two years with U.S. EPA Region 5



as part of a delegation agreement. Those agreements include commitments made by both entities across all delegated programs. One set of commitments relates to livestock farms and includes metrics on livestock inspections and maintenance of an inventory of livestock farms in the state.

After COVID-related delays, Illinois EPA is spending this summer and fall prioritizing tors located in regional offices, so some faces may be new.

The following is the updated list of inspectors per region:

**Des Plaines:** 

Linda Wong, Gizelle Garcia and Jayashree Jayaraj

Peoria:

Paul Jungles, Kyle Phelps, Ben Neuendorf and Shannon Soucie

Champaign:

Jeff Holste and Darwin Fields Springfield:

David Ginder, Kate Gleason and Lukas

#### Marion:

Joe Stitely, Bruce Rodely, Brian Rodely and Ingrid Acevedo

If you are contacted about an inspection, IFB has resources available through our environmental education program "Farm Gate." Available resources include the Illinois EPA inspection checklist and Resource Guides that are specifically designed to explain the Illinois EPA rules for swine, dairy and beef operations. You can find additional information online, ilfb. org/FarmGate, or contact me by email at llurkins@ilfb.org with any questions or to request the resources.

Lauren Lurkins serves as Illinois Farm Bureau director of environmental policy.

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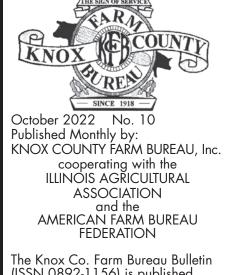
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#### Knox County Farm Bureau

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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**'Til Death Do Us Part** Farmers share profound commitment

to the land Grandpa expressed concern about three things when he left the hospital: Getting home to the farm. Making sure the yard was mowed. And checking that the crops were planted.

He died on May 21 in a makeshift bedroom in the farmhouse living room on the farm where he had raised crops, hogs, cattle and a family. The grass had been mowed, and we finished planting corn and soybeans 48 hours before his death.

This fall, we harvest the first crop without our "S-1," his call sign on our two-way radios. Rather, our family and employees remember him across the terraces at Ostroms, the timber-lined fields of the Hurlbutt farm, and the rich and flat black

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soils of the Billtown 80 field. We sense him in the calm, pre-dawn air as early as 4:30 a.m., when he witnessed the earth wake around him. And we see him in our pastures, where his cows' genetics live on

in our farm's herd today. I cannot adequately express the powerful connection farmers have to the land – to take care of it until death do them part. The land intertwined with each of Grandpa's dying wishes. And while his body shut down, we determinedly fulfilled one wish while planting the same fields he had cared for during his career the previous half century.

Throughout Grandpa's lifetime, he witnessed some of the most incredible advancements in agriculture. U.S. farm production tripled with innovations in animal and crop genetics, chemicals and equipment that reduced environmental impact while improving productivity. As a youngster, Grandpa's family used horses to plow, plant and cultivate. By age 80, he operated a 500-horsepower tractor hands-free, guided by satellites. Until 85, Grandpa and I worked together during fall harvest, operating grain auger carts that took turns collecting grain from the combines and then filling the grain trucks. After school, the kids called dibs for a ride in the tractor with "Gramps" to enjoy both his company and the red licorice that Granny packed in his lunch box.

The week of Grandpa's death, my brother and I stopped to see him one morning before heading to the field. We talked about crops, cattle, the weather and my new roles with equipment operation on the farm. I choked to silence when his hands clenched mine at my departure. His palm, fingers and knuckles were as thick, stout and strong as any working hand could come.

"One thing I never got to do was ride with you in the tractor," he said. He rides in my heart.

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

#### 62. FARMER PROTECTION FOR PAYMENT OF GRAIN

We support:

1. The review of civil and criminal penalties to determine if they are adequate and enforced to the full extent of the law.

2. Changes in the U.S. Warehouse Act which would allow any state which has a warehouse law which is more restrictive and more protective than the federal law, to require warehouses operating in the state to comply with the state's provisions rather than the federal statute.

3. The maintenance of the current state powers of licensing of warehouses and grain dealers, and general regulation of the grain industry, as embodied in the Illinois Grain Code, and oppose federal preemption of state authority.

4. Educating farmers of the potential risks involved in selling grain to unlicensed parties and how to better identify

licensed grain buying facilities.

5. The concept that farmers who buy more than 100,000 bushels of grain on an annual basis from other farmers for use as seed or feed, and use price-later contracts, must provide a bond to the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) to guarantee payment for all purchases of grain, except no bond shall be required in those situations where a tenant purchases, from his landlord, grain produced by the tenant.

6. The requirement of a reminder notification being made by licensee to the farmer no less than 30 days prior to the end of the 365-day period of coverage for price-later contracts.

7. Continuing educational programs to inform members of potential problems of marketing grain under priced later or deferred price contracts. Farmers should be encouraged to request prompt payment available to them under laws and regulations. Farmers should be informed of the risks and costs involved in selling grain without receiving payment.

8. Maintaining the target balance of the Illinois Grain Insurance Fund at a level that is commensurate with the cash value of Illinois grain commodities.

9. Legislation requiring that arbitration be voluntary on the part of both parties to a grain contract. This should be accomplished by specifying that both parties to a grain contract must agree to arbitration in writing after the dispute arises, as opposed to allowing farmers to be forced to give up their right to use the courts as part of a take-it-or-leave-it contract.

10. Continuing active dialogue and cooperation with IDOA to ensure it has inspectors and examiners in adequate numbers to fulfill the regulatory obligations of the Illinois Grain Code.



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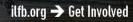
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#### **NEWS FROM COUNTRY FINANCIAL** COUNTRY COUNTRY Harvest Is Here, Farmers Reminded To Put Safety First

Harvest is here, which means farmers are already moving equipment on roads, harvesting their crop, and hauling it to elevators. Over the next few weeks and months they'll be working longer hours-starting their days before sunrise without resting until long after sunset. The pressure to keep going can be intense and can lead to accidents, injuries and even death.

COUNTRY Financial® urges farmers to take extra caution when out on the road or in their fields and to keep a close watch on their health. The number of accidents and deaths are disturbing; however, much can be done to curb them.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the leading sources of youth ag-related deaths include machinery (23 percent), motor vehicles and ATVs (19 percent) and drowning (16 percent).

The following are some easy tips farmers can follow to be safe.

Maintain your equipment. 1.

Most farm accidents and deaths involve machinery. Make sure your equipment is maintained according to the manufacturers' recommendations.

Avoid driving machinery on 2. roads at dawn and dusk. Most accidents happen during these times of day. The morning and afternoon/evening hours are also peak commuting times for drivers heading to and from work which only increases the chances of accidents.

3. Tell family and helping hands where you'll be working and when. Let others know where you are. Also, have a cell phone or two-way radio on you at all times in case of emergencies or accidents. Keep your electronics charged and on the ready. Plan to communicate at set times of the day to ensure everyone is safe and okay.

4. Get plenty of rest and take frequent breaks. Drink plenty of fluids frequently and have healthy snacks on hand to keep your energy levels up. Accidents are more likely to happen

### **September Board Highlights**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on September 15, 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. In our state legislative districts, the ACTIVATOR Trustees have given Dan Swanson the Friend of Ag Award in the 71st District; have given Norine Hammond the Friend of Ag Award in the 94th District; have endorsed Travis Weaver in the 93rd District; and have given the Friend of Ag Award to Neil Anderson in the 47th Senate District.

Member Relations - Jeff Grady KCFB met the 2022 voting member quota. Young Farmers - Tyler Main Young Farmers held a HyVee Farm Day,

ice cream social at Williamsfield Ag Day, and young Farmers Cookout in September.

PrimeTimers - Hailey Weyhrich

PrimeTimers met on September 20 for a potluck meal and presentation from the VNA.

Foundation - Hailey Weyhrich The KCFB Foundation has pledged \$10,000 to the Galesburg public library to incorporate 4 agriculture exhibits/areas.

KAC – Hailey Weyhrich

The Agri Center Board 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. **NEW BUSINESS** 

Speaker ideas for the KCFB Annual Meeting are being researched.

#### KCFB Board Attendance 2022

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once fatigue sets in.

5. Familiarize yourself with how your prescriptions and over the counter medications affect reaction time. Some medications and machinery don't mix. Consult your doctor if your medications make you feel drowsy or impair your ability to safely operate your equipment.

6. Know your limitations. Don't push your mind and body past safe, healthy limits. Know when to stop for the day and when to stay in bed if you feel sick.

Keep combines and tractors 7. clean and lubricated. Avoid fires by cleaning off your equipment each day and following the manufacturer's lubrication schedule.

Farmers should make safety a priority. Make sure to follow maintenance schedules, don't take shortcuts if equipment breaks down, and make sure your equipment is visible on the road. Check your lights, slow-moving vehicle emblems and reflective tape, ensuring they're more visible to other drivers.

### AGENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Michael J. White Years with COUNTRY: 37 years

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Michael J. White

Community Service: Mike is a past President of Western Illinois Estate and Financial Planners. He is a member of the Galesburg Rotary, Paul Harris Award recipient and has been active in many community organizations in the past. He is US Jaycee Senator, and past President of

the Galesburg Jaycees. He coached baseball locally for 16 years and served as Commissioner of the Babe Ruth Leagues for 6 years. He is a Past President of the Galesburg Athletic Booster Club. For several years he served Chrysallis and Cursillo as a leader. Awards: Mike was inducted to COUNTRY Financial's Hall of Fame in February 2014. Mike has qualified for the All-American Award from COUNTRY 23 times. He was recog-nized by COUNTRY for his community service in 1996 with the Award of Excellence. Mission Statement: "I help people remove worry from their lives. My goal is to help my lients plan to live to 100 and prepare for a crisis in their life tomorrow



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# Be a 'better neighbor' by using FieldWatch

#### By KAY SHIPMAN FarmWeek

Illinois agriculture has participated in DriftWatch for more than two decades, but some farmers still aren't aware of the online mapping registry or how it can help them, said Curt Hadley, business development director of FieldWatch Inc.

FieldWatch, the parent company of the web-based mapping tools, grew to offer registries for specialty crops on DriftWatch, for beekeepers on BeeCheck and for row crops sensitive to drift on CropCheck across 24 states. Pesticide applicators may register on FieldCheck.

"It's really a matter of education," Hadley told FarmWeek. "We've got a great tool in the toolbox for the crop producers, the beekeepers and the pesticide applicators. But there are still unfortunately a lot of folks out there that are not aware of the registries. If they're not aware, then they can't use that information."

For Illinois' viewable maps, visit, il.driftwatch.org/map and il.beecheck.org/map.

Hadley praised the educational outreach to farmers through FarmWeek, the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association and the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

"Illinois does an amazing job on getting that message out. Illinois is the gold standard. If we could get even a handful of other states to do what Illinois is doing, it would be a huge bonus," Hadley said.

"One of our biggest challenges is the growers and producers that do their own applications," he continued. "Those are the folks that historically we have struggled with getting the word out to. Not because they don't want to do the right things – we always find that they do – it's just a matter of awareness."

Applicators who register on

FieldCheck may identify areas or counties for which they would like to receive automated email notifications for each new specialty crop or apiary site that registers within their designated alert area.

Applicator registration can prove important if beekeepers mark their hives as "private," making the locations visible to only applicators registered in FieldCheck.

At the Midwest AG Industries Exposition, a FieldWatch booth provided information. Hadley noted many applicator companies at the show use and support FieldWatch data. Plus, farmers' custom applicators use the online registry, he added.

"The retailers and custom applicators,

they are ultimately the beneficiaries," he explained. "When you've got somebody with a field of non-GMO or certified organics on one side of a fence and somebody with a field of Dicamba-tolerant or Enlist beans on the other side of the fence, that's a critical juncture right there."

Registration of sensitive crops and beehives is critical, so applicators are aware of their locations. FieldWatch makes it easy for communication and stewardship, according to Hadley.

"It is free for every one of the users whether you're a crop producer, beekeeper or a pesticide applicator. And it's also voluntary," he said. "Once people realize there is a tool out there and once we get them aware, they can become better neighbors to their neighbors who are growing non-GMOs, certified organics, fruits and vegetables or have bees," Hadley said. "For us, it's a matter of sharing who we are and what we do with a greater group of people.

"If you're not aware of us, come talk to us. Check us out. I guarantee you know somebody that does use our information or use our data," he said. "At the end of the day, you are a better neighbor to those around you for using it."

For more information or to register, visit fieldwatch.com.



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Health on the Farm By the Knox County Health Department

### **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. During this time and throughout the year, all women are highly encouraged to think about breast health and get a mammogram. Self-Care is Essential, The Knox County Health Department is urging individuals to take charge of their health and get a mammogram. We know that early detection is the best chance for survival and less invasive treatment for breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers. The average risk of a woman in the U.S. developing breast cancer sometime in their life is about 13%, or a 1 in 8 chance.

Patients experience better outcomes because of early diagnosis. A heightened awareness of the disease has unquestionably led to a greater number of women being screened for breast cancer.

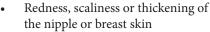
Every person should know how their breasts normally look and feel, so one can recognize any changes that may occur.

While knowing what to look for is important, a person should still get regular mammograms and clinical breast exams, as these tests can help detect breast cancer before symptoms.

Signs of breast cancer may include:

- Lump in the breast or underarm . (armpit)
- Swelling or thickening of all or part of . the breast
- Dimpling or skin irritation of breast . skin
- Localized, persistent breast pain

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- Nipple discharge
- Any change in size or shape of the breast

Do you know about the availability of breast and cervical exams to all women whether they have health insurance? The Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program offers FREE mammograms, clinical breast exams, and pap tests, with the provider of YOUR choice, to those who qualify! This program has been providing breast and cervical cancer screening to women of Illinois since 1995. There are no income guidelines for this program. You may be eligible for this program if:

- You live in Knox, Warren, or Henderson County
- You are between the ages of 40 and 64 •
- You have no Medicaid or Medicare Part B
- Your health insurance will not cover mammograms, clinical breast exams and pap tests
- Your health insurance will not cover these services, the deductible is a financial hardship, or you have no health insurance.

The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely - once is not enough.

For more information on breast health or programs available at the Health Department, please contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 or visit the Department website at www.knoxcountyhealth.org.

# **ILLINOIS BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM**

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You may be eligible for this program if:

- You are living in Knox, Warren or Henderson County.
- You are between the ages of 40 and 64.

·You have no Medicaid or Medicare Part B.

 Your health insurance will not cover these services, the deductible is a financial hardship, or you have no health insurance.

For more information about the program, or to make an appointment, call the Knox County Health Department at (309) 344-2224.





### **Recipe of the Month** Pumpkin Bread Pudding

#### Ingredients:

- 1-16oz loaf French Bread or Texas toast
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$  c milk
- 1 ½ c heavy cream
- 1-15oz can pumpkin
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 5 eggs
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1 tsp cinnamon 1/2 tsp nutmeg

#### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.



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- 2. Spray a 9"x13" baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.
- 3. Cut bread into 1"-2" squares and add to large bowl.
- 4. In another bowl, whisk together milk, cream, pumpkin, eggs, sugar, brown sugar, vanilla, pumpkin pie spice, cinnamon, and nutmeg until combined.
- 5. Pour over bread and stir gently to coat, let soak for about 20 minutes.
- 6. Spread into baking dish and back in oven for about 50-60 minutes until center is set.
- 7. Cut into pieces and serve with ice cream and caramel sauce if desired.

# Looking Back





#### October 2015

Several Knox County Farm Bureau members took part in a KCFB Women's Committee sponsored DISH event at Hy-Vee. Brenda Bliss, Christinel Cain, and Lori Engel are shown combining ingredients for their frozen meals.

### **PrimeTimers News**

The next meeting will be on October 18 for the orchard tour. The tour will begin at the Belted Cow Orchard at 10 followed with lunch in Monmouth. 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 John Ryner, Jeremy Kleine and Doug Atwater as the top membership recruiters in September. Each representative signed two new Associate Members. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.





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