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### Local Resident Directs \$5,000 Donation to Altona Historical Society

Altona residents and area farmers David and Cheryl Erickson directed a \$5,000 donation to the Altona Historical Society as part of the America's Farmers Grow Communities program sponsored by the Bayer Fund. Since 2010, when the program began, the America's Farmers program has awarded over \$60 million to nonprofits, schools, and agricultural organizations across rural America.

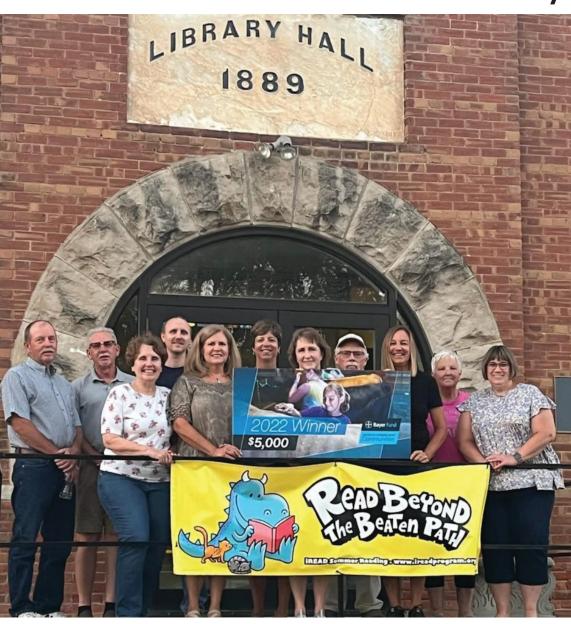
Bayer believes that farmers know best which institutions and members and former residents programs in their communities deserve funding, so they partner with them to direct the grant money. From 3D printers and STEM education for small schools, to funding food banks in underserved areas, the America's Farmers programs help lift-up and support rural communities, one grant at a time.

David and Cheryl selected the Altona Historical Society as the beneficiary of their award to help with the ongoing renovation of the second floor of the Ransom Memorial Library Hall which was built in 1889. The project's ultimate goal is to restore the room, which houses a stage and meeting hall, to a functional community room and host site for cultural art events and rotating museum exhibits.

The Altona Historical Society began their fundraising for the renovations in 2018. To date, the insulation, heating and cooling, re-purposed tin ceiling and electrical wiring have been redone, and the stage sound equipment, bathroom and utility room fixtures and flooring, lighting fixtures and drywall have been purchased. All the work and purchases were made possible by generous donations from community and surrounding community as well as grants from organizations like the Bayer Foundation.

In addition to the main goal of renovating the space, the project also involves improving handicap accessibility to the main floor library, creating handicap accessibility to the second floor, and installing a new handicap accessible bathroom.

The Historical Society and the residents of Altona and surrounding communities look forward to gathering in the new space. The America's Farmers Grow Communities grant is an appreciated step toward making it all possible.



### WELCOME **NEW MEMBERS**

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

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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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Thank You KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU



#### Agriculture cultivates better communities

"My life is one big volunteer commitment. LOL.

That's an accurate assessment.

I inquired about a project of our FFA Alumni organization, and my aunt was fresh off two community events for separate volunteer groups that weekend. Mind you, this is after a week of watching grandkids, preparing meals for the farm crew and caring for aging parents. It seems appropriate to insert a cross-eyed, slightly stressed emoji face to our message exchange. Her bank account didn't reflect it, but she impacted many lives for the better and profited in satisfaction.

My aunt's level of commitment to giving and volunteerism places her in an elite category of service and selflessness. But generally speaking, farmers and other agriculture professionals are among the most giving

people I know, and their explanation for this servant attitude is about as simple as the desire to farm: It's in their blood, and it's the right thing to do.

Previous generations taught us to volunteer out of duty and necessity. In small towns like ours, volunteers even handle firefighting and first-response medical care. Thanks to volunteers, our communities are safe, my kids have a 4-H fair and youth in our small town have soccer and summer baseball programs. Volunteers provide amenities in our parks and coordinate the town's largest events. They share hours of their time, skills and resources to improve schools, churches, hospitals and non-profit groups for the betterment of our community. Rural areas lack paid staff to handle such life-impacting essentials.

Across Illinois, Farm Bureau families make impacts when they sponsor youth safety programs from bikes to farm equipment. Volunteers coordinate blood drives and health screenings at their county Farm Bureau buildings. The same families give their time in the church kitchen for a community dinner. They organize the school carnival, decorate for the annual FFA ban-

quet, and understand the commitment of running a quality food stand as a fundraiser.

Just before COVID, our community won the Governor's Cup for exemplary volunteerism to build our small town's playground. In a tremendous effort, volunteers raised \$150,000 in funds and physically built that two-story, barn-shaped playground using their farm-based skills and donated use of resources, from power tools to tractors.

At that same park, more than 100 local FFA and 4-H volunteers will gather this month to transform that space into an agritourism attraction with free admission for more than 20 activities – a bale climb, farm chore course, high-tech sprayer simulator, and farm animals among them. Local youth eagerly help organize and operate this annual agriculture festival, and seasoned volunteers find satisfaction knowing they have instilled an ethic of service in the next generation.

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.

### Truly a Harvest for All

The need for access to nutritious, affordable food is felt by all Illinois residents, whether they live in a rural or urban community. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, more than 38million people - nearly ten percent of the country's population - lived in foodinsecure households in 2020.

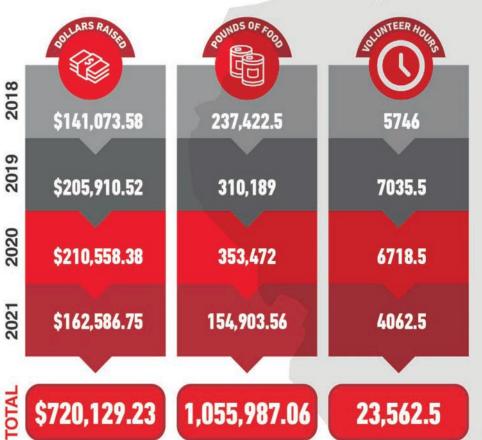
As supply chain issues linger and prices in the grocery store average 12.2 percent higher than oneyear ago, the need for food assistance remains.

Overseen by the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader committee, the Illinois Harvest for All program demonstrates the generosity of Illinois agriculture by participating in the American Farm Bureau Federation's Harvest for All campaign.

Illinois Farm Bureau encourages local involvement and partners with FFA chapters, Collegiate Farm Bureau chapters, and county Young Leader programs to fight against food insecurity in Illinois. Over the last four years, Illinois' Harvest for All efforts have resulted in more than \$720,000 in funds raised, more than 1 million pounds of food collected, and more than 23,500 volunteer hours logged.

# A Harvest for All





## Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

#### 105. LAW AND ORDER We support:

- 1. Vigorous enforcement of the current driving under the influence laws and legislative efforts to improve those laws.
- 2. Firm, fair, and prompt enforcement of existing laws.
- 3. Increased enforcement of existing littering laws.
  - 4. Providing aid to victims of crime.
- 5. Greater member involvement in recruiting and electing qualified local law enforcement professionals.
- 6. Requiring that the County Sheriff and State's Attorney be notified when an inmate from their county is released from a correctional institution.
- 7. Reducing the fiscal impact imposed on local governments by giving them flexibility to meet minimum federal jail standards.
  - 8. Law enforcement officials seizing

vehicles used in the commission of a theft involving agricultural commodities, supplies problems with and education about methor equipment.

- 9. Legislation where needed to prevent the illegal production, importation, manufacture, or distribution of drugs and related drug paraphernalia.
- 10. Making the Illinois medical cannabis pilot program permanent and expanding the conditions allowed to be treated with medical cannabis to those proven by medical research to benefit from medical cannabis treatment.
  - 11. Work programs for prisoners.
- 12. The establishment of Juvenile Justice Councils.
- 13. Seeking legislation to provide for severe and mandatory sentences for crimes committed with weapons.
- 14. Clearly defining the legal definition of the defense of one's property.

- 15. Developing coalitions to address the amphetamine production and use.
- 16. The development of an economical additive for anhydrous ammonia to prevent its use for the production of methamphetamine or other illegal purposes.
- 17. Seeking legislation imposing stiffer penalties for theft of anhydrous ammonia for methamphetamine production.
- 18. The regulation and taxation of recreational marijuana.

#### We oppose:

- 1. The "early release program" as a solution to prison overcrowding.
- 2. The use, production and distribution of illegal substances.
- 3. Giving a "Conservator of Peace" designation or granting similar law enforcement deputization powers to the members of the Illinois General Assembly.

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### **NEWS FROM COUNTRY FINANCIAL**



### **Debunking Life Insurance Myths**

Life insurance is a topic clouded with misinformation around how much you need, what it will cover, and what it will cost. One of the most common misconceptions is life insurance is for you. While you may be the one paying the premium, life insurance is actually for your loved ones, and can protect them long after you're gone.

What are some other life insurance "myths?" Let's break them down:

**Myth #1**: I'm single. I don't need life insurance.

Whether you're married or not, you may leave behind family and friends when you pass away. If you have any debt such as student loans, car loans, a mortgage, etc.; someone may be responsible for that debt, potentially your parents or other family members. A life insurance policy can help cover your final expenses and take care of outstanding debts.

**Myth #2**: The life insurance policy I have through my employer provides enough benefit.

Life insurance policies issued by employers are generally a great benefit but are not always enough to protect your family should you pass away. Many companies will offer 1 – 3 times an employee's base salary, but that may not be enough to pay for final expenses, outstanding debts, your mortgage, and the loss of future income for your family.

Employer policies are also not guar-

anteed. If a company goes through hard financial times, the life insurance benefit could be taken away. Also, if you leave the company, you typically can't take that benefit with you to your next job.

Talking with a professional can help you to fill in the gaps that leave your family vulnerable.

Myth #3 - Life insurance is too expensive

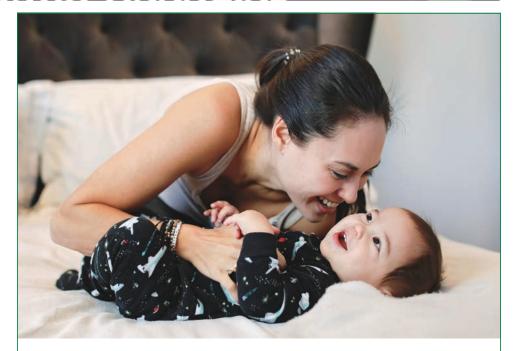
The truth is, life insurance will never be as affordable as it is today. Rates are generally lower when you are younger and in better health, so don't wait to find a policy.

Certain types of life insurance provide living benefits in addition to a death benefit. These policies may provide cash value that can be borrowed from\*, and the money in a life insurance policy will generally grow tax-deferred.

To learn more about types of life insurance and which types may be right for you, visit www.countryfinancial.com/life.

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### **August Board Highlights**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on August 18, 2022

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel Nothing new to report.

#### 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.

**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.

**Young Farmers – Tyler Main** Young Farmers will meet on August 11 for their monthly meeting.

**PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich**PrimeTimers will meet on August 16 at noon at the Agri Center.

#### Foundation - Hailey Weyhrich

The 2022 KCFB Foundation Golf Outing was held on July 29 at Oak Run Golf Course. The Foundation Board will meet on August 23.

#### KAC – Hailey Weyhrich

The Agri Center Board will meet on August 23.

#### **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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Goals were set for 2023.

#### KCFB Board Attendance 2022

	June	July	August
Beard, Jennifer	Р	P	A
Bewley, Beau	Р	Р	Р
Bollivar, Jason	-	Р	А
Courson, Dustin	Р	Р	Р
DeSutter, Drew	Р	А	Р
Emken, Kurt	Р	А	Р
Engel, Lori	Р	Р	Р
Goedeke, Phil	Р	Р	Р
Grady, Jeff	Р	Р	А
King, Becky	А	А	А
Link, Cory	Р	Р	Р
Link, Nathan	А	Р	А
Nelson, Brian	Р	Р	Р
O'Connor, Tom	Р	Р	Р
Shea, Damon	А	А	Р
Stevens, Monica	Р	А	А
Underwood, Kyle	Р	Р	Α

(P) Present

(A) Absent

(C) Cancelled



### AGENT SPOTLIGHT



Name: Jeremy Kleine
Years with COUNTRY: 15 years as a financial representative;
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<u>eMail Address:</u> jeremykleine@countryfinancial.com <u>Spouse:</u> Molly Kleine

<u>Education:</u> BA in Sociology from Knox College. MA in Sociology from Western Illinois University.

Community Service: Sunrise Rotary International, Former YMCA Board member

<u>Designations:</u> Investment Solutions Representative

<u>Awards:</u> All American 12 years. 1988 State Baseball Champions - Galesburg High School

<u>Mission Statement:</u> If you see a turtle sitting on a fence post, you know it had help getting there.



### IFB, National Education Center for Ag SafetyCelebrate National Farm Safety and Health Week

Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) to promote farm safety and health during National Farm Safety and Health Week, themed, 'Protecting Agriculture's Future,' Sept. 18-24, 2022.

Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) is again partnering with the National Education

Each day of the week has a designated topic of focus to promote various aspects of farm safety:

Monday, Sept. 19 – Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety

Tuesday, Sept. 20 – Overall Farmer Health

Wednesday, Sept. 21 – Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture

Thursday, Sept. 22 - Confined Spaces

Friday, Sept. 23 - Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture

The 2019 data for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 573 fatalities, or an equivalent of 23.1 deaths per 100,000 workers. Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week.

For more information about National Farm Safety and Health Week, contact your local county Farm Bureau or visit www.necasag.org.



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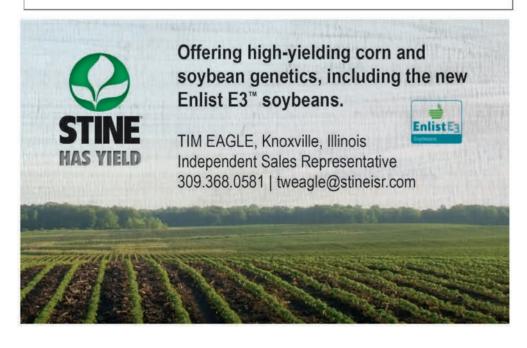
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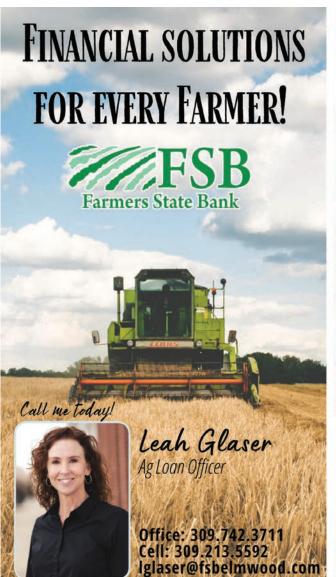
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## Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department

### Be Prepared for All Emergencies

To help you stay prepared for all emergencies of all types, the Knox County Health Department wants to remind you about the resources available during Emergency Preparedness Month.

September is National Preparedness Month which is the time of year to think about what you and your family may need in the event of an emergency.

Fires, tornadoes, and other emergencies are unpredictable by nature, but there are some basic steps everyone can take to help themselves in an emergency. Local Emergency Response Coordinator, Mandy Dixon, says that the top hazards for Knox County include transportation incidents, winter storms, extreme cold, tornado and chemical spills. Power outages can happen sporadically, and it is important to be prepared for any of these

Knox County officials say the key steps to emergency preparedness include:

Making a plan. Talk to your family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster, and how you will connect if separated. Choose a primary and secondary meeting place in case an emergency affects your home or neighborhood and designate an out-of-state contact for family members to call if separated. Teach youth to prepare for emergencies. Businesses, community organizations and families should participate in safety drills and ex-

- **Build a kit**. Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your household including food and water. Consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Include provisions for infants and medically fragile family members. You also should prepare an emergency kit for your car.
- **Be informed**. Know the risk of dangers in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert. In an emergency, stay tuned to local radio or TV stations for alerts, instructions, and official notifications.

If you are looking to get involved with community preparedness, Knox County has a chapter of the Medical Reserve Corps. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. You can participate in the MRC whether you are a medical or public health professional or a community member without a healthcare background. To join, contact Mandy Dixon at the Knox County Health Department by calling (309) 344-2224.

### Fall Brings AITC Lessons

Knox County's Ag in the Classroom program is planning for a busy fall. Schools are open and we are looking forward to seeing the students. Fall brings harvest time, outdoor education programs and the Monarch Migration Festival. Classes are being scheduled and lessons are being planned for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ag in the Classroom continues to support the Monarch Migration Festival, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 10. Pollinators are responsible for pollinating 180,000 different plant species and more than 1,200 crops people eat every day. Pollinators contribute \$217 billion to the global economy and \$29 billion worth of crops to the US every year. (Illinois Ag Mag - Pollinators)

Every fall, multiple agencies come together to teach area 5th graders about the environment. The Ken Russell Environmental Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 22. Students learn about the prairie, fishing, invasive species and environmental issues that im-

If you would like to schedule an Ag in the Classroom lesson, or a series of lessons, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau at 309-342-2036.



### Recipe of the Month BBQ Chicken French Bread Pizza

#### Ingredients:

- 1 loaf of French bread
   3/4 cup BBQ sauce (divided)
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese (shredded)
- 1 cup chicken (cooked and shredded)
- 1/4 cup red onion (chopped)
- 1-2 TBS cilantro (chopped) Instructions:
- 1. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees.
- 2. Cut your French bread loaf in half (hot dog style)
- 3. Spread BBQ sauce evenly over the top of each French



## LIHEAP PROPANE SUMMER/FALL FILL

The Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to help assist income-eligible households with gas and electric bills, in the form of a one-time payment to the utility companies.

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bread loaf. (Leave 2 TBS extra for drizzling at the end)

- 4. Sprinkle about ¾ of the mozzarella evenly over the top of each half.
- 5. Spread chicken, red onion evenly over both loaves.
- 6. Top with remaining cheese.
- 7. Bake in oven for about 12-17 minutes or until cheese is melted and starts to turn golden.
- 8. Allow pizza to cool for about 2 minutes
- 9. Top pizza with cilantro
- 10. Slice and serve

## Looking Back



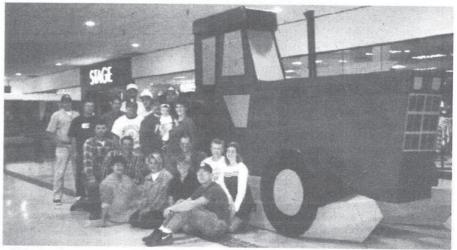
#### September 1998

#### Will This Tractor Float?

The Young Farmers have taken the challenge of making a cardboard boat and making it float. After 900 feet of tape, 5 gallons of glue, 35 sheets of cardboard, 5 gallons of paint, and 22 tubes of chalk, the Young Farmers are ready to set sail. Spending over 400-man hours cutting, pasting, painting, and bending cardboard, the have constructed a 9 ft X 15 ft three-dimensional cardboard tractor with one side red, and the other side green. All this time and effort has been spent to create a very unique boat for Galesburg's Cardboard Boat Regatta, which will be held Sunday, September 20 at Lake

When asked why the Young Farmers decided to build a boat that resembles a tractor, Bill Hennenfent, a Young Farmer Committee member, said "The Committee wanted the boat to represent agriculture in Knox County, and the tractor is an item that most everyone can identify with." He also encouraged everyone to come to the Regatta and cheer them on.

Now for the question, "Will this tractor float?" The answer is no, the tractor is just for display. The Young Farmers have created a pontoon type boat, and the tractor sits on top of it and will be removed for racing.



The Young Farmers displayed their cardboard boat - a tractor - at Sandburg Mall prior to the Cardboard Boat Regatta.

### **PrimeTimers News**

The next meeting will be on September 20 at the Knox Agri Center at Noon. 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 Representative John Ryner, as the top membership recruiter in August. John signed four new Associate Members. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.



### ~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

To place ads in the Bulletin or on the website, you must be a Knox County Farm Bureau member. Call 309-342-2036 or email us at assistant@knoxcfb.org by the last Friday of each month to place your ad.

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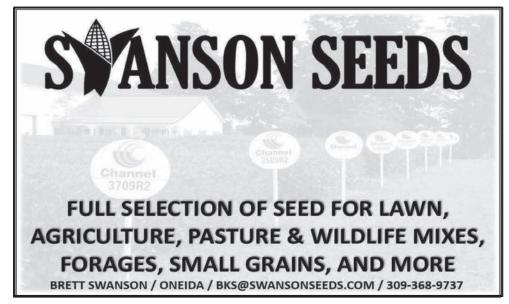
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