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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

10 KCFB Task Force Meeting, 6 PM, Knox Agri Center  
10 KCFB Board Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center  
10 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center  
14 Tractor & Lawn Mower Safety School, 6 PM, Martin Sullivan  
15 Market & Weather Outlook, 6 PM, American Legion Monmouth  
17 Women in Ag Conference Evening Programming, 6 PM, Jumer's Casino, RI  
18 Women in Ag Conference, 8 AM, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island  
22 Legislative Lunch, 12 PM, Packinghouse  
25 KCFB Office Closed – Good Friday  
31 Business After Hours, 5 – 7 PM, 156 East, Galesburg


APRIL

1 Knox Agri Center Clean-Up, 10 AM, Knox Agri Center  
4-5 IFB & Affiliates Youth Conference, Springfield  
6-7 Governmental Affairs & Leadership Conference, Springfield  
14 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center  
21 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, Knox Agri Center

Welcome New Members  
*The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to welcome the following to our organization:*

Andrew Baker, Galesburg  
Steve Carter, Knoxville  
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Amanda Presswood, Galesburg  
Lara & Jeremiah Scholl, Galesburg  
Justin & Tiffany Tabb, Galesburg



The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation would like to fill a vacant director position. Please contact Caitlin Chrzanowski, Knox County Farm Bureau Manager, if you are interested at 309-342-2036 or [knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org](mailto:knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org).



Tim Main, Knox County Farm Bureau Board Director, explains the farmer's responsibilities during the grain transportation process, to representatives from China's Ministry of Transportation during a tour of Big River Resources hosted by the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development.

AG DAY FOR KIDS A SUCCESS!

On Friday, February 19th, nearly 500 fourth grade students participated in Ag Day for Kids, which is an event hosted by the Knox County Farm Bureau at Carl Sandburg College.

Students from 22 fourth grade classes throughout Knox County,



Kara Downin from the Knox Co. Soil & Water Conservation District, explains stream bank practices and vegetative buffer strips to help decrease erosion to area 4th Grade students at the Knox County Farm Bureau's annual Ag Day For Kids.

rotated between eight different agricultural stations to get a better understanding of the numerous areas of the agricultural industry. Students attended sessions including: corn, soybeans, pork, beef, dairy, machine technology, soil & water, and livestock. In each session, students saw presentations and demonstrations while also having their questions answered. Nearly 50 volunteers came together as presenters or group leaders during Ag Day for Kids.

Knox County Farm Bureau Agriculture Education Specialists Teresa Sanford-Shipplett and Mary Beth Bowman were the main organizers of the event. "It's an introduction to a lot of different parts of agriculture. It gives them a little background," Bowman said. "This is at the age where they really need to understand that relationship they have with their food and where it comes from. You can't have a day without agriculture. Everything we have and everything we do is



A local FFA student talks to students at the livestock session.

somehow related to agriculture," said Sanford-Shipplett.

At the conclusion of their Ag Day for Kids experience, each student received a goody bag filled with items that will remind them of their Ag Day experience. Thank you to those volunteers who helped assemble the goody bags, lead the groups, and present during sessions.

MEET THE CANDIDATES RECAP

The Knox County Farm Bureau hosted a "Meet the Candidates" event at the Knox Agri Center on Monday, February 29th at 8am. All Farm Bureau members were invited to meet the candidates running for the 74th State District Representative position. The following candidates were present: Bill Butts (D), Mike DeSutter (R), Wayne Saline (R), and Daniel Swanson (R).

Each candidate provided a 10-minute presentation, followed by 5-minutes for questions from the audience. After each candidate had an opportunity to address the crowd, a reception was hosted in which audience questions were addressed personally. Thank you to all in attendance and to our local media sources for covering the event.

1st Baby Born during Ag Month


March is Illinois Ag Month and again this year the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee honored the first baby born during Ag month. On March 3rd, baby boy Alijah Anthony Thompson was born at OSF St. Mary's Medical Center. Alijah's parents Brittany Ferguson and Glenn Thompson reside in Galesburg and received a basket full of baby items, all of which relate to agriculture. Congratulations to Alijah's family and OSF St. Mary's Medical Center!




Lori Engel (right) presented Alijah, and his parents Brittany Ferguson and Glenn Thompson with an agriculture themed baby basket.

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**Rural, remote and relishing it**

"I just have to get used to how rural it is," said the mother, who recently moved her daughters from suburbia to our local country setting. Her adjustment to a school with pre-K to 12 under a single roof seemed easier than the drive. "You have to go HOW FAR?" she continued, sharing her frequent reaction to locate important places. She jokingly exaggerated the need to buy five gallons of milk at a time.  
I should have humored her with the

suggestion to buy a dairy cow, but no one needs to house a bovine as a survival measure out here. Our small-town food mart has your back when you run out of milk before 8 p.m. And neighbors would share a tall glass after hours. But if you need much more than the basics, then "going to town" – the event as we identify it – logs a minimum 40- to 45-mile roundtrip on open road worthy of a country song.

We live, love and tolerate rural life for many reasons. A sense of community, a connection to the land, the freedom and the open space keep many of us out here. But it seems more encounters increasingly remind me of our "ruralness" and its difference from normal. During this last Christmas shopping season, any of my internet-based attempts to "check store availability" of an item rarely happened by default. The standard search within a 10-mile radius barely catches the nearest interstate on-ramp. Rather, I selected the excessive 50-mile radius because the next choice of 20 miles measures just shy of most stores.

New rural transplants consistently share their biggest inconvenience here as the lack of convenience. Yes, leftovers or a quick-and-easy pasta meal offer the best bail-outs for a last-minute supper. No pizza deliveries here, nor fast-food services up the road. Rural

dweller learn to stock up. Many of us own a freezer, or two, and sometimes a second fridge.

Those of us without a commute to work try to piggyback errands for a productive "trip to town." A bank deposit, a haircut, grocery shopping and a stop for supplies occur in a single trip to keep us guilt-free and time conscious. With family along, we work in a meal on the town or an ice cream treat. And then we have those exceptions to the piggyback rule: an ill kid's doctor's appointment or a farmwife's drop-what-you're-doing run for a repair part during harvest or planting.

We rank remote, but not recluse. Rural families own the same electronic gadgets and run Wi-Fi houses. We hang out with family and friends, partake in social media if so desired and embrace our mobility. We can "go to town" whenever we want, even if simply to satisfy a craving. But that distance sometimes makes us think more about the need than the want. And most of the time, what we need exists right here in our rural area.

About the author: Joanie Stiers, a wife and mother of two young kids, writes from her home office and works in her family's farm office in West-Central Illinois.



**Senator Chuck Weaver**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Greetings,

My thanks to the Farm Bureau for inviting me to submit a letter for your bulletin. I also want to thank all of our local agricultural producers for helping make Illinois the world-class ag leader that we are.

While I have only been a State Senator for five months, I am not a stranger to the agricultural world. I have a deep appreciation for our Illinois agricultural producers and know first-hand the hard work that you do. Our family started a successful Angus farm on Peoria's north side and since then our family farm has expanded into many other ventures. The strong work ethic we all know in the ag community is a large part of what makes Illinois a global leader in agricultural production.

Director Raymond Poe understands that after 12 years of neglect by Governors Blagojevich and Quinn, we need to reinvest in agriculture. Governor Bruce Rauner's budget has an increase in funding for the Department of Agriculture and I will commit to working with the Administration to help them understand that we need to improve our ag investments.

It is clear that for the "cents on the dollar" we invest in agriculture research, SWCDs, and ag education, those dividends pay many dollars more in economic growth. One in four jobs in Illinois are tied to agriculture and we've got to do a better job of taking care of our agriculture infrastructure.

If there is anything I can do to help you, please contact my district chief of staff Karen Disharoon at karen@senweaver.com or call 309-693-4921. She can forward your message to me if we need to speak personally.

You can also visit my Web sites, [www.senatorweaver.com](http://www.senatorweaver.com), [www.facebook.com/senatorweaver](http://www.facebook.com/senatorweaver), or [www.twitter.com/senatorweaver](http://www.twitter.com/senatorweaver).

I look forward to representing your interests in Springfield and hope to meet all of you in the near future.

Thanks,  
Chuck Weaver

**Theme Park Tickets Available To Illinois Farm Bureau Members**

Knox County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce that for a limited time Knox County Farm Bureau members are eligible for discount tickets to the following theme parks: Six Flags St. Louis, Six Flags Great America, Holiday World, Silver Dollar City, Raging Rivers and Adventureland.

"With Summer approaching, Illinois Farm Bureau is thrilled to make these tickets available to our members," says Grant Strom president of Knox County Farm Bureau. "I know many members enjoy an outing to local theme parks and we are glad to offer savings for the entire family."

To take advantage of these great ticket discounts, members should visit our website [www.knoxcfb.org](http://www.knoxcfb.org) or [www.ilfb.org](http://www.ilfb.org) or call our county Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036.

**Growing social media followers continue to increase Illinois Farm Families exposure**

As it has in the past few months, Illinois Farm Families social media continues to influence moms and millennials. In fact, in January, the Illinois Farm Families Facebook page reached 10,000 fans. Overall, in 2015, Illinois Farm Families messages reached 4.5 million consumers.

In January, a post regarding current consumer concerns about hormones and steroids in food reached more than 57,000 people due to Facebook fans sharing Illinois Farm Families' post.

Blog posts on [www.WatchUsGrow.org](http://www.WatchUsGrow.org) also continued to influence consumers in January, with "Busting Myths on the Farm" receiving 1,748 views, "10 Ways You Know You're an Illinois Farmer" receiving 1,234 views, and "Lots of Choices – Milk" receiving 1,004 views.


To continue the momentum, Illinois Farm Families is holding a social media webinar training March 3. Participants will learn how to have successful conversations with consumers online.

Farm tours also will continue with alumnae moms visiting cow/calf farms in March, an online #FoodieChat connecting farmers and foodies in April, and alumnae moms touring Monsanto facilities in May.

Illinois Farm Families are Illinois farmers who support Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Soybean Program Operating Board, Illinois Beef Association, and Midwest Dairy Association through farmer-funded checkoff or membership programs. We are committed to having conversations with consumers, answering their questions about food, farmers and farming, and sharing what really happens on today's Illinois family farms. More than 97 percent of Illinois farms are family owned and operated. We are passionate about showing consumers how we grow safe, healthy food for their families, and ours.



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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, February 18, 2016

**WOMENS COMMITTEE – Lori Engel**  
The WC will bag groceries on March 1st at the E. Main St Hy-Vee from 5pm-7pm. Commodity groups have been invited and this event is in cooperation with the IL Corn Marketing Board Grant. Meat will be purchased and donated to the ROWVA Food Pantry.

**YOUNG FARMERS – Caitlin Chrzanowski**  
The Driver Education Farm Safety Lesson will be on March 9th & 11th at Knoxville High School.

The Tractor & Lawn Mower Safety School will be on March 14th at Martin Sullivan’s and registration is at 5:30 pm, program at 6 pm.

The Hunter Safety Course is tentatively scheduled for June 10th & 11th at the KAC.

**MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE – Brett Swanson**  
The Membership report was reviewed.

**GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE – Jim DeSutter**  
The Meet the Candidates event was on Monday, February 29th at 8 am at the KAC.

A legislative luncheon is scheduled for March 22nd at noon at the Packinghouse. Norine Hammond, Don Moffitt, and Chuck Weaver will be attending.

**FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE – Todd West**  
Business After Hours event with the

Chamber will be on March 31, 2016 at 156 East from 5-7 pm.

2016 Knox County plat books are available to purchase in the office and at the courthouse.

**EDUCATION – Monica Stevens**  
Farm Safety Camp is on June 25, 2016 at the fairgrounds.

**PRIMETIMERS – Caitlin Chrzanowski**  
On February 16th, Jim Stanley, Master Gardener spoke to the group about spring flowers.

**FOUNDATION – Caitlin Chrzanowski**  
The Foundation has conducted a direct mail campaign that has raised over \$6,000.

The Ladies Night Out Paint Party had around 30 painters and a portion of each registration fee goes to the KCFB Foundation AITC program.

The KCFB Annual Meeting silent & live auction including donations made \$5207.00.

The Foundation is in the works for hosting a golf outing and a “buy a barn” gas station campaign with Casey’s.

There is currently a vacant seat on the Foundation Board.

**AGRI CENTER – Grant Strom**  
The non-ADA compliant door handles throughout the building will be replaced throughout the year.

The wallpaper in the Extension office has been removed and painted.

The hall phone booth is being removed

during the spring work day and further arrangements will be made once it has been removed.

**ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES – Lori Engel**  
Like the Knox Warren-Henderson Illinois Farm Families page on Facebook!

**OLD BUSINESS**  
The audit will be reviewed in the final form at the March meeting of the Knox County Farm Bureau Directors.

The Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference will be April 6-7, 2016 and AFBF President will be the speaker on the 7th.

Phil Goedeke will fill the vacant seat in district IV.

Tim Main provided an ACTIVATOR update for the 37th ACTIVATOR District. The ACTIVATOR fundraising event was discussed and a decision will be made in March.

The Business After Hours will be at 156 East from 5pm-7pm on March 31st. COUNTRY Financial will provide a \$350 sponsorship.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
The Candidate Forum will be held on February 29th at 8am in the Knox Agri Center. After the welcome and introductions, the candidates will each have 10 minutes for a prepared talk followed by 5 minutes for questions from the audience. At the end, all candidates will be available for one-on-one questions from the audience during a reception.

The IFB & Affiliates Youth Conference will be April 5-6, 2016. The Knox County Farm Bureau will pay the registration for 1 attendee per school.

The Young Farmers Program of Work was reviewed.

The St. Louis Science Center Family Video Selection will be further discussed in March.

Board Meeting Attendance			
NAME	December	January	February
Bewley, Beau	P	P	P
Boydston, Terry	P	P	P
Cain, Jarid	P	P	P
DeSutter, Jim	P	P	P
Engel, Lori	P	P	P
Erickson, David S	P	P	P
Goedeke, Phil	*	*	P
Hennenfent, Matt	P	A	P
Hoben, Tom	P	P	P
King, Becky	A	P	A
Link, Jeff	P	P	P
Link, Nathan	P	P	A
Main, Tim	P	P	P
O’Connor, Tom	P	P	P
Serven, Sam	P	A	A
Seiboldt, Pat	P	A	P
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P
Strom, Grant	P	P	A
Swanson, Brett	P	P	P
Webel, Joe	P	P	P
West, Todd	P	A	P
Bohnert-Yoder, Tara	P	A	P
*New Director	C	C	C



# CMF Applications Due March 31st

## Cultivating Master Farmers

The unique mentoring program pairs young farmers with Prairie Farmer Master Farmers. Sometimes the best learning method is a conversation with someone who's been there, done that.

Since 2005, the Cultivating Master Farmers program has provided just that, expert farm and family guidance from folks who have walked the walk. This unique mentoring program links young farmers with a wealth of information in Prairie Farmer's Master Farmers.

Classes of approximately 10 young farmers (21 to 35 years old) and 10 Master Farmers are selected for the two-year program, which features six ag-related events. The Class of 2015, which graduates in July, visited Chicago for a firsthand look at changing consumer perceptions. They also heard from acclaimed speakers on estate/succession planning, marketing strategies and managing working relationships with family members.

Like previous classes, incoming CMF members will have plenty of opportunity to hear from a top-notch slate of speakers. However, the real backbone of the program is the round-table discussion, where young farmers learn from Master Farmers and vice versa. Upon the completion of the two-year program, most participants have developed

lasting relationships that continue to yield solid farm advice even after the program's conclusion.

## Application requirements

Young farmers have until March 31, 2015 to apply for an opening in the Class of 2017. Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Reside in Illinois.
- Between the ages of 21 to 35 as of Dec. 31, 2014.
- Actively engaged in production agriculture.
- Willing to actively participate in the two-year program.
- The program is geared toward couple participation.

The Class of 2017 will be selected in April. The inaugural meeting will be held July 7, 2015 at Farm Credit Services of Illinois in Mahomet. The CMF application is at [www.prairiefarmer.com](http://www.prairiefarmer.com). Select "Cultivating Master Farmers" from the left sidebar. The CMF program is sponsored by 1st Farm Credit Services, Farm Credit Services of Illinois, GROWMARK, Illinois Farm Bureau, Monsanto, and Prairie Farmer.

If you want more information about the program, e-mail Josh Flint at [jflint@farmprogress.com](mailto:jflint@farmprogress.com).

# New Member Benefits!

## Henn House BBQ

Henn House BBQ, a locally owned business based in Oneida, is offering a 10% discount on catering or a bulk meat purchase. Contact Henn House BBQ by visiting [www.hennhousebbq.com](http://www.hennhousebbq.com), emailing [phil@hennhousebbq.com](mailto:phil@hennhousebbq.com) or calling Johanna & Phil Hennenfent at 309-335-1671.

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3. You will then be prompted to create an account with your email address and company code: KCFB



Nearly 30 ladies enjoyed a night out in February painting a farm scene and raising money for the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation. Thank you to Art Defined for the step-by-step instructions and creative inspiration!

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Contact me:

Jason Beard  
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[jasonb@munsonhybrids.com](mailto:jasonb@munsonhybrids.com)

# Nursing Scholarship Application Available

Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau® Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program. There will be five scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, granted this year.

The scholarship program, now in its twenty fourth year, helps encourage and develop the pool of rural health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois. Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois residents and be a Registered

Nurse accepted or enrolled in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program. Funding is provided by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program.

Applications are available at county Farm Bureaus® throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at [RIMSAP.com](http://RIMSAP.com), or by writing Peggy Romba, Program Manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, PO Box 2901, Bloomington, IL 61702-2901. Applications are due May 1.

For additional information, contact Peggy Romba at 309-557-2350, or via e-mail at [promba@iflb.org](mailto:promba@iflb.org).

# 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 Monday, March 14 at Martin Sullivan in 1910 Knox Road 560 E., 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.

# Kids Farm Safety Camp - Sat., June 25, 2016 at the Knox County Fairgrounds

Topics that will be covered include: Electricity Safety, Grain Safety, Fire Safety, Train Safety, First Aid, PTO Safety, Emergency Preparedness, and Animal Safety.

Kids ages 8-13 are invited to attend...it's free!

Each participant will receive lunch, a T-shirt, and a goody bag. Find more information and registration forms at [www.knoxcfb.org](http://www.knoxcfb.org)



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Professional Development Credits Available

Register by May 18th at [www.knoxcfb.org](http://www.knoxcfb.org) or mail to:  
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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## National Poison Prevention Week March 20-26th

As the temperature begins to rise and farmers get in the fields, families will also begin their annual spring-cleaning of their homes and gardens. After the dusting, scrubbing, raking, and planting is done, make sure your clean house and garden are a safe place for kids. Many things in and around our homes can be considered poisons. Cleaning products can be lethal if swallowed or inhaled. Plants, including geraniums and daisies, can be toxic if ingested and can cause skin allergies. Lead found in cracking or peeling paint can be dangerous to children if inhaled or ingested. Even common medicines like pain relievers can be toxic if used incorrectly.

More than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the Nation's poison centers. According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, approximately 90 percent of poisonings happen at home, and 51 percent of poisonings involve children under the age of 6. The majority of fatal poisonings occur among adults, especially older adults.

Children are especially susceptible to household poisons. Children are more susceptible to household poisons because of their curiosity of the world around them. Medicine may look like candy, cleaning fluids kept in bright bottle may look like soda or juice, and flaking lead-based paint has a sweet taste much like candy.

Keeping your family safe from poisons takes a little time, but can save lives.

- Store cleaning products up high and out of children's reach.
- Store all medications and cleaning products in their original labeled, child-resistant containers.
- Work in a well-ventilated area when using cleaning products.
- Teach children never to put

mushrooms, berries or any part of a plant into their mouths.

- Cleaning toys and areas such as baseboards and windowsills, where lead dust may build up, at least once a week with a damp cloth, will keep dust to a minimum

- Encourage children to play in mulched or grassy areas instead of dirt will help prevent exposure to lead in soil

- Always return medication/pesticides/cleaning products to a locked, safe storage area immediately after use.

- Never call medicine candy.

- Do not store cleaning products and food in the same cabinet.

- Include the Poison Center phone number (1-800-222-1222) in the essential emergency phone list in the child's home, daycare center or relative's home.

"By educating local residents about preventative steps in the home and in their lives, we believe we can make serious progress in keeping our loved ones safe," states Erin Olson, Director of Wellness. "It is vital that people arm themselves with basic information on poison prevention in the home, such as keeping chemicals out of the reach of children and carefully reading the labels and dosages on all products. National Poison Prevention Week was established by the U.S. Congress in 1961 to focus national attention on the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. To learn more about ways to keep people of all ages safe and help prevent poisonings, visit the Poison Help Web site at [www.PoisonHelp.hrsa.gov](http://www.PoisonHelp.hrsa.gov) or contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224.

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## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



Jason Lumberry

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Jason Lumberry as top membership recruiter. Jason signed 5 new associate members in February.

Call your COUNTRY Representative for all of your insurance and financial needs.

### DON TEEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Don Teel Scholarship is a product of many who were privileged to experience the contribution Don made to agriculture. Members of Knox County agricultural organization and individuals have joined together in hopes of helping provide an opportunity for young people to pursue higher education in an agricultural or related field.

Each year applicants will be considered for one \$500 scholarship. Applicants must have

a home address within Knox County and be a past or present 4-H member. They must be enrolled as a full time student in a university or community college with a declared agriculture or related course of study.

Applications are available at the Knox County Farm Bureau. Completed applications must be submitted no later than June 1, 2016 to the Knox County Farm Bureau.

### KNOX COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MAX AND FRANCES SANFORD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship deadline is April 1, 2016. Two Scholarships will be awarded.

The scholarship is offered to a Knox County resident who is pursuing a career in Agriculture or an Environmental related field. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, submit an application with current transcripts and ACT score (both REQUIRED) and write an essay on

"What Conservation means to you and how do you plan to incorporate Conservation into your Future Plans?"

Scholarship applications can be found at the District office 233 S. Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg, or online at <http://knoxcountyswcd.tripod.com>. For questions contact the district office at (309) 342-5714 ext. 3.

### ~ 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 e-mail us at [jreed@knoxcfb.org](mailto:jreed@knoxcfb.org) by the last Friday of each month to place the ad.**

**WANTED:** Housekeeper available to clean in the afternoons. \$12 per hour. Galva area. Call 309-932-3042 after noon for more information. 3/16

**WANTED:** Single axle dump truck to buy or rent. Call 309-351-9520 3/16

**WANTED:** 6ft 3point Gill Pullverizer attachment. Call 309-351-9520. 3/16

**WANTED:** 10 or 20 ton capacity pintle hitch tag trailer. Call 309-351-9520. 3/16

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**FOR SALE:** 2015 feed oats, \$3.50/bushel. Wheat straw, square bales, \$5/bale. Call 309-230-7227 or 309-875-3051. 2/16

**WANTED:** Discarded, broken concrete and

If you sell your items, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036 or email [jreed@knoxcfb.org](mailto:jreed@knoxcfb.org), so we can provide our readers with up-to-date information.

### Knox County SWCD Spring Sales

Promote environmental stewardship and support your local Soil and Water Conservation District at the same time! All proceeds benefit educational programs offered by the District.

We offer bare-root tree seedling species, available in different packages or by individual tree, Plantskydd, and tree guards available for pre-order until March 18, 2016. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Friday, April 15, 2016 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the office, 233 S Soangetaha Rd.

Need to re-stock your pond? The District offers ten different fish species for pre-order until April 5, 2016 for grass carp orders and April 14, 2016 for all other species. Order pick-up will be Thursday, April 21, 2016 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the USDA building.

New in 2016, the District is partnering with Pleasant Prairie Nursery out of Williamsfield to offer 15 varieties of native prairie plant plugs and a selection of 5 grass plugs. All are sold for \$2 per plug. Pre-orders are due by Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Thursday, June 16, 2016 from 9 – 3:30 p.m. at the office.

Back by popular demand.... The District is again offering rain barrels. Two sizes are available; 50 gallons or 60 gallons, with various side attachments. Orders will be submitted as received year-round and direct shipped to your address.

Also new in 2016, the District is partnering

with flythefarm to provide Custom Aerial Photos by appointment. Four sizes of portraits are available, along with a choice to purchase the digital file. Three finishes of oak frames are also available.

#### All order forms are available

- in the January SWCD newsletter,
- at the District office 233 S. Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg, IL or
- online at <http://knoxcountyswcd.tripod.com>

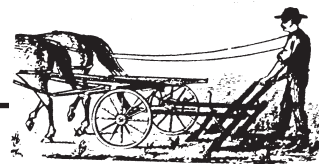
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# Looking Back



### TAKEN FROM THE MARCH 1927 BULLETIN

Frank Bowman of Oneida was one of Knox County's cattle feeders who took advantage of the Chicago Producers' cattle pool last fall. The cattle he purchased were put on feed 160 days and sold through this farm sale recently. Neighbors bought them to finish for market at reasonable prices, giving Bowman a profit of \$20 per head. Other feeders have had similar experiences with Producer cattle.

### TAKEN FROM THE MARCH 1954 BULLETIN

Ten farmers from Illinois have been awarded a trip to Washington, D.C., during March. These awards are result of the 200,000 member campaign last November. While in Washington, these ten farmers will meet Agriculture Secretary Benson, visit congress, and dine with members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

### TAKEN FROM THE MARCH 1984 BULLETIN

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers sponsored a Chemical Can Drive. Cans were dropped off in designated areas.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Easter Bread

#### Ingredients

One 1/4-ounce packet active dry yeast  
(2 1/4 teaspoons)  
6 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for  
the work surface and kneading  
2/3 cup sugar  
1 1/3 cups milk  
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus more  
for greasing the bowl

#### Directions

Pour 1/3 cup warm water (about 110 degrees F) into the bowl of a stand mixer. Gently whisk in the yeast, 1 tablespoon of the flour and 1 tablespoon of the sugar. Set aside until bubbly, 5 to 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat the milk in a small saucepan over medium heat until bubbles start to form around the edges, about 6 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat, and stir in the butter, the remaining sugar and the salt. Set aside to cool, about 10 minutes.

Fit the mixer with the paddle attachment, set on medium-low speed and pour the milk mixture into the yeast mixture. Add the 2 beaten eggs. Gradually mix in the remaining flour, and beat until a soft dough forms. Increase the speed to medium-high, and beat until the dough pulls away from the sides and forms a ball, about 5 minutes (the dough will be sticky).

Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface, and knead, adding more flour as needed, until smooth



1 teaspoon fine salt  
2 large eggs, lightly beaten, plus 1  
lightly beaten for egg wash  
1/3 cup sliced skin-on almonds  
1 tablespoon mini white nonpareils

and elastic, about 5 minutes. Put the dough in a lightly buttered large bowl, cover and place in a warm spot to rise until doubled in size, about 1 1/2 hours.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Punch down the dough, transfer it to a lightly floured surface and cut it into 3 equal parts. Gently roll out each piece into a 16-inch-long rope. Transfer the ropes to the prepared baking sheet. Press the ropes together at one end, braid them, then gently tuck both ends under to form a long loaf. Cover, and let rise until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Brush the entire loaf with the remaining beaten egg. Scatter the almonds and nonpareils on top, concentrating them down the middle of the loaf (they will spread as the loaf bakes). Bake until the loaf is dark golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped, 50 to 60 minutes. Let cool about 30 minutes before slicing.

From [foodnetwork.com](http://foodnetwork.com)

**If you would like to submit a family-favorite recipe, please provide the recipe with a picture to the KCFB office.**

### PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee met for their February potluck lunch and program. 13 committee members listened and asked questions to Master Gardener Jim Stanley. Jim shared how he maintains a successful garden. The March meeting has been cancelled due to the election.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 19 at 12 PM at the Knox Agri Center and Bruce Lauerman will provide a program about hummingbirds. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass to this potluck meeting. PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

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