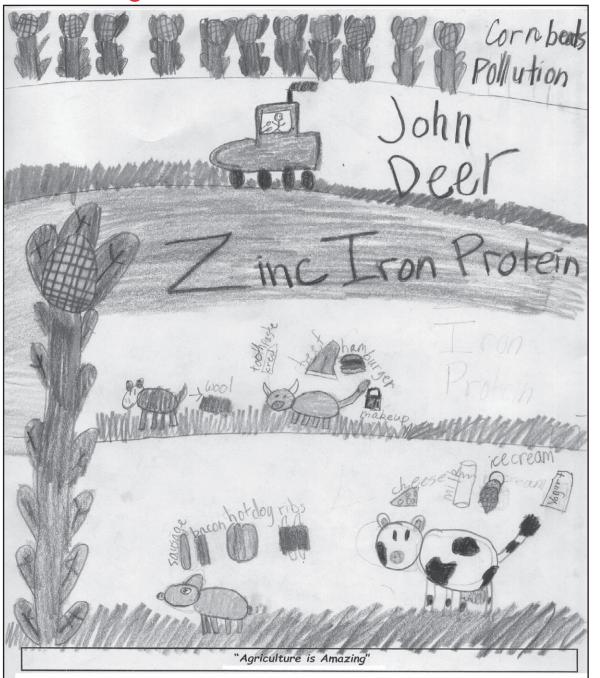
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### **Hedding 4th Grader Wins Poster Contest**



Lydia Akers' winning poster from the 2015 Ag Day for Kids poster contest sponsored by the KCFB Women's Committee.

Lydia Akers, a student in Mrs. Foutch's fourth grade class at Hedding Grade School in Abingdon, was declared the winner of the "Agriculture is Amazing" poster contest sponsored by the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee. After attending the Annual Ag Day for Kids held at Carl Sandburg College, Lydia created a poster that encompassed what she learned. Lydia's poster was chosen as the winner because it did a great job of showing a variety of areas of the agriculture industry, and truly depicted how amazing agriculture is to her.

Honorable Mention was awarded to LaKeysha Sibert who is also in Mrs. Foutch's class. Lydia, LaKeysha and their classmates were treated to a pizza party courtesy of the Knox County Farm Bureau Women's Committee on April 21st.



Lydia Akers (front left) proudly holds her winning poster with classmate LaKeysha Sibert, and (back left to right) Hedding Grade School 4th Grade teacher Pam Foutch, KCFB AITC Coordinator Mary Beth Bowman, and KCFB Women's Committee Chairman Lori Engel. Lydia was awarded the winning certificate and a pizza party for her class.

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The "Ag in a Day" workshops are open to all teachers and educators. Teachers will have the choice to attend workshops at two different locations:

June 9: Knox Agri-Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd, Galesburg, IL 61401. Tours will take place in Galesburg and surrounding area.

June 10: Silvis HyVee, 2001 5th St, Silvis, IL 61282. Tours will take place in East Moline and surrounding area.

Teachers are invited to attend both courses, or whichever date and location is most convenient. Educators will receive free teaching materials, participate in hands-on activities, view Ag in the Classroom educational kits, and take field trips to areas of interest in order to learn more about agriculture. There is no cost to attend and there will be ample opportunities for teachers to win prizes and resources for their classrooms.

At the Galesburg workshop, teachers will learn about re-

sources available from Illinois Ag in the Classroom, learn about the importance of bees, visit the animal disease lab at Carl Sandburg College, and the day will conclude with a tour of a beef farm in Altona, Illinois.

In Aledo, teachers will tour a HyVee store, tour a dairy farm in East Moline, learn about the technology that John Deere uses, agriculture lessons that can be taught in the classroom will be demonstrated, and a tour of Whitey's production plant will be given.

The workshops are designed for Preschool - High School educators who wish to expand their curriculum to include topics related to agriculture – the world's food and fiber system. The workshops will focus on how to integrate available resources and hands-on activities about agriculture into an existing classroom curriculum.

The deadline to register is May 29, 2015. You may register by contacting the Knox County Farm Bureau. A registration form is available online at www. knoxcfb.org. You can also register by calling (309) 342-2036 or e-mailing knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org, but hurry because space is limited.

The workshops are sponsored by the Henry, Knox, Mercer, Stark, and Warren-Henderson County Farm Bureaus.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### MAY

- Touch-A-Truck, 10-11:30 AM, Lake Storey Pavilion Parking Lot
- 4 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, KAC
- 19 PrimeTimers Breakfast Outing, 8:30 AM, Best Western
- 21 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, KAC
- 25 Memorial Day, KCFB Office Closed
- 26 Foundation Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, KAC

#### JUNE

- KAC Annual Meeting, 7:30 PM, KAC
- 8 Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Roadshow, 8 AM, KAC
- 9-10 Summer Ag Institute
- 11 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, KAC
- 16 Prime Timers Meeting, 12 PM, KAC
- 8 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, KAC
  - Rib Cook-off, RR Days

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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

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# Most farm homes attest to untouchable toys

Empty farm toy boxes take up more space in our attic than any other category of items, whether suitcases or childhood memorabilia. To my husband's defense, my addiction to Christmas décor doesn't count. We store seasonal items in a separate place, and besides, one of the themed trees uses tractor ornaments anyway.

I reiterate: these toy boxes are empty. They sit there untouched, ideal for recycling, except I am told their disposal would deteriorate the value of the 30 toy tractors and combines on display in our house.

From a farm family's standpoint, the presence of "for-display-only" farm toys in the home seems as natural as fruit on the kitchen counter. In contrast, we eat the fruit or make banana bread if we wait too long. The 23 tractors and combines in our living room alone rest securely in their cabinet every day of the year minus the infrequent dusting. No kid fingerprints. No carpet farming. Only viewing. The shiny replicas of farming's mechanical marvels even earn their own spotlight, which we illuminate almost nightly. Meanwhile, my good China sits in darkness.

Grandpa's recent 80th birthday party redirected my attention to this normal, symbolic part of our everyday life. The kids and grandkids together created a "Top 80" list, which revealed 80 fun and loving facts about my grandpa, a lifelong farmer. The first statement: "A toy collection that never gets played with."

My aunt from California's L.A. suburbs contributed this observation. She referred to the farm toy collection that neatly lines several shelves on the walls of Grandpa's tidy garage. They sit, unopened and out of child reach.

All my farming relatives own farm toys. Some replicate equipment currently or once owned on the farm. I identify most of these displays as idle, collected over time without aggressive desires to make additions. My dad places toys atop the farm office bookshelves, my husband keeps a second, smaller display in our bedroom and one of my uncles keeps them behind glass, too.

I remember when our son, at 18 months old, would gaze into the glass cabinet in our living room. Even the neighbor boy has stopped playing to stare. Adult visitors have commented, too. The display becomes fodder for conversation. Meanwhile, our kids own plenty of toys to farm the carpet or dig in the garden.

Grandpa does use one display toy as a mock alarm clock, a fact that also made the "Top 80" list. He carries a noise-making silo set – still in its box – into the sleeping chambers of his West Coast grandkids when they visit the farm. He causes a racket and informs them, "Wake up! You're on the farm!"

Where not every toy earns play time.

About the Author: Joanie Stiers, a farm woman of West-Central Illinois, displayed a blue tractor in her bedroom growing up. Blue matched her bedroom décor.

### 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 purse 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, 2015 to the Knox County Farm Bureau.

### Illinois Farm Families' City Moms Tour Illinois Hog Farm

Illinois Farm Families was busy in March, with more than 320 new "Likes" on Facebook and more than 40 new Twitter Followers.

Illinois Farm Families also received national recognition and was presented with the Meritorious Service in Communications award from the American Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers for the City Mom program.

To top it off, the 2015 Illinois Farm Families' City Moms visited the Gould hog farm early in the month. The moms toured the farm's buildings while learning about biosecurity, what goes into raising healthy piglets and gestation stalls.

The moms watched a demonstration on proper pork handling techniques and heard from representatives from TriOak Foods and Hormel Foods Corporation to get the full-circle story of pig production.

Following the tour, many of the 2015 City Moms said some of their concerns about hog production had been diminished. In fact, 25 City Moms were very or somewhat concerned about

animal welfare before the tour. Following the tour, only 10 of the City Moms said they were very or somewhat concerned about animal welfare.

#### Additionally:

- •Prior to the tour, 20 City Moms were very or somewhat concerned about the use of gestation stalls. After the tour, 11 City Moms were very or somewhat concerned.
- •Prior to the tour, 22 City Moms were very or somewhat concerned about the use of antibiotics. After the tour, 3 City Moms were very or somewhat concerned.
- Prior to the tour, 21 City Moms were very or somewhat concerned about the use of hormones. After the tour, 4 City moms were very or somewhat concerned.
- Prior to the tour, 14 City Moms were very or somewhat concerned about labels or marketing claims on pork products. After the tour, 2 City moms were very or somewhat concerned.



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Many believe performing a review is only necessary after major life changes, such as purchasing a new home or having a child. While these life changes are cause to review your insurance coverage, it is also important to keep little changes in mind. For example, buying a new car, changing jobs or making improvements to your home are changes that can make a difference in your insurance coverage needs. No matter how big or small your life changes, review your insurance coverages to make sure you have the best protection for you and your family.

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### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was cancelled in April.

### Illinois Department Of Agriculture To Offer Free Recycling Program For Agrichemical Containers

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is encouraging farmers and agrichemical facilities to save their empty agrichemical containers. The department announced today it has arranged to recycle them.

Beginning at the end of July and continuing in August, sites throughout the state will collect containers. The containers will be recycled to make shipping pallets, fence posts, drainage tubing, plastic lumber and other useful products.

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"This program offers farmers and agrichemical facilities a convenient opportunity to dispose of empty pesticide containers and demonstrate their environmental stewardship," Agriculture Director Philip Nelson said. "I would encourage them to gather any containers that they may have been planning to throw in the garbage and take them to the nearest collection site."

Metal and household pesticide containers are not eligible for the

recycling program. Collection sites will accept only high-density polyethylene, #2 plastic, agrichemical containers that are clean and dry. Participants are responsible for rinsing them and removing all caps, labels, booklets and foil seals.

The program is a cooperative venture between the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Container Recycling Council, GROWMARK, Inc., Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical

Association, Container Services Network, Illinois Farm Bureau and University of Illinois Extension.

To obtain a free brochure about the program, call the Illinois Department of Agriculture toll free at 1-800-641-3934.

#### The collection sites and dates for the 2015 Pesticide Container Recycling Program are as follows: Permanent collection sites:

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West, Todd	Р	Р	Χ
Yoder, Tara	Р	Р	Χ

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### Johnson to present "Controlling the Crop Controllables: Strategies & Tools" Program

Dr. Steve Johnson, Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist from Iowa State University Extension, will be at the Knox Agri Center on Tuesday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Topics included Crop Price Outlook, Marketing Strategies & Tools, Cutting Costs and Protecting Working Capital.

Steve serves as the Farm & Ag Business Management Specialist in Central Iowa for Iowa State University Extension. He presents annually at nearly 100 meetings, workshops, seminars and conferences across the Corn Belt and interacts with more than 10,000 producers.

He holds BS and MS degrees from Iowa State University and his Ph.D. from Colorado State University. Steve specializes in topics related to grain marketing, government farm programs, crop insurance, farmland leasing and other risk management strategies.

Steve posts monthly free newsletters, webcasts and updates on both ISU Extension Aa Decision Maker and the Polk County Extension Farm Management web sites. Visit knoxcfb.org to reserve your seat or call the KCFB office at 309-342-2036.

### IAA Foundation To Hold Golf Outing To Benefit Illinois Agriculture In The Classroom

Golfers are invited to join the largest golf outing that benefits agriculture in the state of Illinois. The nineteenth annual Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) Golf Outing, a fundraising event hosted by the IAA Foundation, will take place June 11, 2015, at the Elk's Country Club and Wolf Creek Golf Club in Pontiac.

"Join us for a great day of golf for a great cause," said Steve Wentworth, event chairman. "The money raised during the outing will help make agriculture come alive by bringing Agriculture in the Classroom to more schools across the

Driving ranges open at 9:00 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. at the Elks and 10:30 a.m. at Wolf Creek, for this scramble-style tournament. Golfers will compete for a number of great prizes and ultimate bragging rights. A social hour, auction and steak dinner sponsored by COUNTRY Financial will round out

The registration fee is \$130 per golfer, or \$520 per foursome. Those interested in attending the banquet only can register

Discounted rates also are available for families and agriculture literacy coordinators. Families (defined as a parent a child age 18 or younger, or a grandparent and grandchild, age 18 or younger) are eligible for the family discount of \$200 per pair. Additionally, agriculture literacy coordinators play for free when they're part of a paid toursome.

Online registration is now available on the IAA Foundation website at www. iaafoundation.org or by calling Foundation office at 309-557-2230.

"We look forward to seeing old friends and new teams out on the course this year for a day of fun and friendly competition, said Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation. "We encourage our teams" to sign up now to guarantee their spots."

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom is the top funding priority of the IAA Foundation, the charitable foundation of the Illinois Farm Bureau® which funds educational, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

### Ms. Farmer's Report

Spring has arrived at last. It has been interesting to watch the fields being pre-pared and planted. One fourth grade school studied trees this month. Students learned about coniferous and deciduous trees, parts of the tree (including xylem, cambium, and phloem). The students then enjoyed making a tree cookie showing the growth rings.

The hot topic for April was Earth Day. Students learned about the three "R's" - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The students were amazed at some the things that can be recycled (examples: jeans into pencils, also green currency into pencils, corn into plastic spoons and golf tees, etc.). Third grade students made a cycle with a paper soda can to show the process by which a soda can is recycled. Fourth grade classes play the "I have/ Who has? game

Farm Web is a popular topic. A comparisons of farms today as to farms of past years (students had read Charlotte's Web) were part of the discussion. The discussion included how specialized farming is today. Students were very involved with putting the Farm Web together on the floor to match which foods come from the correct commodity.

At Churchill Junior High Ms. Farmer presented a lesson about plants. Students made the Beanie Babies to watch a soybean sprout. They also made a bean book which included the terms of seed coat, cotyledon, and embryo. The hit of the day was tasting the different foods that represented the various parts of the plant. They surprised to learn that cauliflower and broccoli are the flowers of the plant.

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### Container Garden Grant



Lindsey Peterson, of Mable Woolsey in Knoxville, IL has been awarded a Container Garden grant for use in the classroom. Grant recipients receive reusable gardening materials including an EarthBox® container, money to purchase soil and seeds, and related books and lessons to further the educational experience.

### **Knox County Farm Bureau to Host** Informational Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Meeting

The Knox County Farm Bureau is partnering with the Illinois Council on Best Management Practices (CBMP) to host a Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS) meeting June 8 at 8 a.m. at Knox Agri-Center in Galesburg.

Intended for those living and/or farming in the Spoon River watershed, which includes Knox County, the meeting will focus on best management practices (BMPs) specific to each region of the state.

"Our state stretches more than 400 miles from north to south. Soil types and farming practices change depending on where you are," said Chris Hausman, CBMP President and District 12 Director, Illinois Farm Bureau. "This meeting will give farmers and other stakeholders the opportunity to discuss how the strategy will impact them at their local watershed level and will arm them with information about on-farm BMPs they can use. Farmers also will learn all that is being done to reduce nutrient losses and how to build on current successes."

Scheduled for release in July, the strategy provides a framework for reducing nutrient losses, improving local water quality and improving the quality of water leaving the state and entering the Gulf of Mexico. Faced with raising more food while protecting natural resources, the Illinois agricultural community is taking on that challenge. Illinois farmers have the support of CBMP and of other organizations as they adopt voluntary enhanced nutrient stewardship and conservation practices.

The meeting is one of 11 being hosted across the state in June. For a complete list of meeting locations, visit www.illinoiscbmp.org.

Farmers are invited to bring water samples from their farms to be tested on-site during the meeting. A meal will be provided and the event is free. Attendees are asked to RSVP to Knox County Farm Bureau at (309) 342-2036 or knoxcfb@ knoxcfb.org.

The Illinois Council on Best Management Practices, a non-profit 501-c (5) organization, was formed in 1998. Its mission is to assist and encourage adoption of best management practices to protect and enhance natural resources and the sustainability of agriculture in Illinois. Member organizations include Illinois Corn Growers Association, Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Soybean Association, Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Syngenta Crop Protection, Monsanto and GROWMARK.

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This program is grant funded by the Illinois Green Economy Network - IGEN. \*according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor

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- \$25.58 national median hourly salary for a plant and system operators, with \$53,200 annual salary\*



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## Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



### **Celebrating Women**

The Knox County Health Department and Knox Community Health Center are encouraging women in our lives- our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, friends, and colleagues – to take steps to live healthier, happier lives.

We know that women are often the ones who make sure everyone else in our families are cared for. But too often, we put our own health last.

But the reality is unless you take care of yourself, you cannot really take care of your family. That means eating right, exercising, quitting smoking, and getting the care necessary to stay healthy. In fact, you can now use websites, apps, and mobile devices to help you track and manage your health.

Preventative services are critical to helping us stay healthy, but unfortunately they have not always been affordable. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, it is a new day for women's health making it easier for women to take control of their own health. For many women, preventive services like mammograms, birth control, smoking cessation services, and annual well-woman visits are now available without any out-of-pocket costs.

Need a refresher course on your recommended screenings?

- •Once a month breast self-exam: check for unusual lumps or bumps monthly so you can stay on top of any changes. The best time to do it is a few days after your period ends.
- •Every six months dental check-up: Make sure you hit up the dentist's chair twice a year for cleanings and other preventative maintenance.

- •Once a year full physical exam: This annual check-up should include a height and weight check, a blood pressure screening, a clinical breast exam, and any blood tests your doctor deems necessary. This may include tests for blood sugar, blood count, hormone levels, and other crucial markers.
- Pap smear: Most doctors suggest women see their gynecologist once a year and get a pap smear while they're there. Your pap tests for any changes or abnormalities in the cells in your cervix, which is a way to screen for cervical cancer. If you don't have insurance or can't afford a screening the Knox County Health Department offers the Western Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (WIBCCP). This program provides FREE mammograms, clinical breast exams, and pap tests to women who qualify. If you live in Henderson, Knox, or Warren Counties, are between the ages of 35-64 please call the Health Department at 344-2224 to see if the WIBCCP can be of assistance to you.
- •Mammograms: At 40, women want to start scheduling annual mammograms, though your doctor may recommend screening earlier if you have a family history.
- •Colonoscopy: This test should come right around your 50th birthday, unless your family history warrants an earlier screening.

For more information contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-



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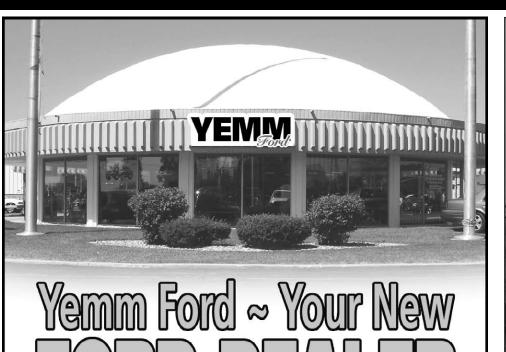
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#### MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Travis Lewis top membership recruiter. Travis signed three new associate members in April.

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Travis Lewis

#### **PRIMETIMERS NEWS**

The PrimeTimers Committee met on April 21st and enjoyed a potluck lunch at the Knox Agri Center. 13 committee members and KCFB Manager Kate Lansaw enjoyed an Puget Sound program led by Charles

& Audrey Shaw. The next meeting will be a breakfast outing on May 19th at 8:30 AM at the Best Western on S. Soangetaha Rd. The PrimeTimers invite those 55+ to attend!

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

# Bacon, Eggs & Asparagus Ingredients

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 T coconut oil
- 1 T sesame oil
- 1 bundle asparagus, ends trimmed

#### **Directions**

Preheat the oven to 400. In a small bowl, mix together the garlic, coconut oil, and sesame oil.

Line a baking sheet with foil or parchment and place a rack on top. Divide the asparagus spears into four equal bundles, and wrap each



4 slices bacon

1 T roasted sesame seeds

4 eggs, poached or fried Salt to taste

one with a piece of bacon. Place the bundles on the rack with the ends of the bacon underneath.

Brush garlic/oil mixture over bundles, then sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until bacon is crisp. Top with eggs, sprinkle with salt.



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# Looking Back

#### TAKEN FROM THE MAY 1929 BULLETIN

A baseball team has been organized to represent the Knox County Farm Bureau in the state Farm Bureau Baseball League, with "Skeets" Bloomquist, well-known and popular Galesburg Independent player, for manager. A committee from the board of directors, consisting of T.J. Sullivan, James McKee and Leo O'Hern, has been appointed to assist him.

#### TAKEN FROM THE MAY 1950 BULLETIN

Last year Knox County had 324 agriculture 4-H club members in 20 clubs. This year there are 19 agriculture clubs with 261 members.

#### TAKEN FROM THE MAY 1979 BULLETIN

The new Knox Agri Center building is presently in the final phases of construction. The new facility will house the Knox County Farm Bureau, Knox County Cooperative Extension Service, Knox County Country Companies Agency, Western Farm Business, Illinois Agricultural Auditing Association district office and the Knox County Health Improvement Association.

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

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 jreedy@knoxcfb.org by the last Friday of each month to place the ad.

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

### **Get to Know Your Policy: Rural Development**

Rural development programs and activities are important to forge innovation, connection, economic development, and strengthen the heritage of the farm family life. But which programs, services and activities should we focus on? What types of programs are all-inclusive to our broad base of members and niche markets? How can we reach out to not only our members but to our associate members? What should the comprehensive plan look like? Should urban agriculture be part of the plan as an all-inclusive statewide plan? Is urban farming now considered part of rural development?

Now is the time to review the organization's policy and provide feedback. Your Illinois Farm Bureau policy #102, Rural Development, provides you with the information that IFB uses to guide our involvement.

We will place rural development as one of highest priorities.

We will:

- 4. Develop a comprehensive program for coordinating rural development activities within the state and county Farm Bureau levels.
- 6. Identify specific rural initiatives which our organization will support during the development of our comprehensive program.

Get involved and educated on this issue by speaking to your county Farm Bureau. You can review the entire policy by visiting www.ilfb.org.

For more information about IFB's grassroots policies, contact your county Farm Bureau.





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