

Bulletin

Promoting the understanding of agriculture in our community to improve the profitability of farmers and enrich the quality of life in Knox County

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Ag Day Celebrated In A Big Way During The 2015 Illinois State Fair

SPRINGFIELD, IL—A crowd of over 1,000 people packed the Orr Building yesterday on “Ag Day” at the Illinois State Fairgrounds to celebrate Illinois’ number one industry.

The morning started off with a breakfast, featuring the dedication of the Illinois Department of Agriculture administration building as the John R. Block build-

ing. HB 5540, sponsored by State Senator Darin LaHood and State Representative Don Moffitt, named the administration building after John Rusling Block, the only state agriculture director to become U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

Additionally, 70 sesquicentennial farm families and 127 centennial farm families were

recognized for preserving their family farms for over 150 and 100 years, respectively. State Fair Manager Patrick Buchen and his family were honored as a sesquicentennial farm family.

Other award winners included: **Ag Ambassadors:** Evelyn Brandt Thomas and Glen Brandt

Friend of Illinois Agriculture Award: Jon Fisher

Friend of the Illinois State Fair: Esther Bruns

Outstanding Farm Family, Sponsored by Illinois Farm Bureau: Matt and Jenna Kilgus

Illinoisian of the Day: Dr. Robert Easter

Outstanding Woman Farmer, Sponsored by Illinois Agri-Women: Patricia “Pat” Yeagle

Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award: The Spangler Family of Fulton County

Illinois Agri-Women Scholarship Recipients: Shelby Cooper, Renee Kinzinger, Jalyne Herren



Firemen learn techniques to rescue those engulfed in a grain bin.



The grain bin safety site was used during the 20th Annual Fall Fire School held at the Galesburg Regional Fire Training Center. The KCFB Young Farmers and the Galesburg Fire Department worked together to construct the grain bin safety site using graciously donated funds.

September 9th Trucking Seminar

The KCFB is hosting a two-hour seminar that will focus on trucking laws and address “Covered Farm Vehicle” exemptions. Other topics to be discussed are the USDOT Number, UCR registrations and driver’s license clas-

sifications. The guest speaker is Kevin Rund, who has specialized in farm transportation issues for the Illinois Farm Bureau®.

Join us in the Knox Agri Center meeting room on Wednesday,

September 9, 2015. Dinner will be served at 6 P.M. The seminar is free to attend but since a meal will be provided, please rsvp by calling the KCFB office at 309-342-2036.

KCFB Board visits IFB Board

The Knox County Farm Bureau Board of Directors visited the Illinois Agricultural Association (IAA) for a Board Development Program on August 20, 2015. IAA staff talked with the Board about the County Financial Study and Legal Responsibilities as well as gave updates on the News & Communication Division, State & National Legislative Issues, Member Services

& Public Relations Division, and the IAA Foundation. The KCFB Board Directors were able to conduct their August board meeting as well as sit in during the IAA Board meeting.

KCFB President Tim Main said “It was a wonderful trip that left a lasting impression on all who attended. The more we can do to educate people about what the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB)

does and provides helps us at the county level to explain the importance of the Knox County Farm Bureau Membership.” Main also mentioned his favorite part of the trip was that “...I continue to be amazed at the quality of the IFB staff in every department. Interacting with staff and putting a face with a name was a highlight of the trip.”



Those KCFB Board Directors who visited the IAA were (front L-R) Terry Boydston, Tim Main, Grant Strom, KCFB Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski (back L-R) Pat Seiboldt, Monica Stevens, Tom Hoben, Becky King, Tom O’Connor, Jeff Link, Todd West, and Matt Hennenfent.



Mark Gebhards, Executive Director of the Governmental Affairs & Commodities Division met with The KCFB Board of Directors during their visit on August 20, 2015.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Knox Ag Roundtable, 12 PM, KAC
- 7 Office Closed – Labor Day
- 8 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, KAC
- 9 On the Road Transportation Seminar, 6 PM, KAC
- 15 PrimeTimers Potluck Meeting, 12 PM, KAC
- 17 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, KAC
- 20-26 National Farm Safety Week

OCTOBER

- 2 Knox Ag Roundtable, 12 PM, KAC
- 8 Young Farmers Meeting, 7 PM, KAC
- 15 KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, KAC March 5
- 20-26 National Farm Safety Week

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Brett Saline, Rio
Wayne Saline, Rio
Phillip Wenstrom, Wataga
Roger Wenstrom, Galesburg
William & Grace Bates, Dahinda
Jared Boone, Galesburg
Donald Bowers, Galesburg
Annie Chatterton-Abbott, Abingdon
Fannie Collins, Yates City
Coleen Dee, Galesburg
Wesley Ekstedt, Altona
Justina Hutchings, Galesburg

Rashawn & Robert Irons, Galesburg
Brian & Amanda Jennings, Knoxville
Alyssa Johnson, Galesburg
Ryan & Tiffany Lair, Galesburg
Steve McGraw, Galesburg
Megan Sallee, Galesburg
Jodie & Eric Schisler, Abingdon
Jan Stephens, Knoxville
Amanda & Bradley Sundquist, Abingdon
Jason Walljapser, Abingdon
Melissa & Jessica Wheeler, Galesburg

Edward Jones Investments, Galesburg
Ingle Electric, Williamsfield
Lufkin Schwieter Ready Mix, Galesburg
Persifer Township, Dahinda
Terry Cowan, Abingdon
Luke Doubet, Williamsfield
Stephen & Brittany Fleming, Williamsfield
Matthew & Tori Goedeke, Elmwood
Kevin Lindberg, Galva
Cory Link, Abingdon

Jeffery & Marla Manthei, Williamsfield
Drew & Rena Parker, Dahinda
Sam Purlee, Alexis
Silas Parker, Elmwood
Cozadd Diesel Service, Inc, Wataga
Jeffery Beck, Abingdon
Elizabeth & Pranab Chanda
Cody Cowman, Knoxville
Alex Dymit, Galesburg
Scott James, New Windsor
Michelle Lumberry, Knoxville
Bethany Makl, Bloomington

Stormy & Andrew Sargent, Knoxville
Kay Shaver, Galesburg
Brent & Teresa Stewart, Dahinda
Crystal Zwilling, Henderson
Danny Boone, Abingdon
Adam Erickson, Altona
Paul Iverson, Dunlap
Patrick King, Oneida
Lisa Robinson, Galesburg
Kyle Thurman, Abingdon
Nancy Warner, Williamsfield

