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2024 Foundation Summer Intern Wrap-Up

Hello Knox County Farm Bureau,

I want to begin by thanking you for the opportunity to be the 2024 Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Intern. I have had the best learning experience this summer. Through events, seminars, time in the office, and meetings, I have gained so many skills, role models, and connections in the agricultural industry of Illinois. From now on, I will be able to utilize those qualities thoroughly in my academics and future career.

I began my summer at the Illinois Farm Bureau in Bloomington, IL, for the Farm Bureau Intern Seminar. I was able to connect with many other Farm Bureau interns and listen to the ins and outs of Illinois Agriculture. My most favored speaker from the seminar spoke about the Illinois Specialty Growers Association and their action in Illinois. This inspired me to choose my next occupation as a farmer at the Sustainable Student Farm on campus this upcoming fall.

Another community event that I enjoyed planning was the 2024 Ag Olympics. I recognized from being at the fair so many years prior, how exciting the Ag Olympics were every year so I wanted it to be as fun as possible for the kids. The Young Farmers and I had plenty of ideas, but came to a conclusion with three activities for the juniors and seniors, and one obstacle course with a pie eating contest at the end for the littles! These activities included hammering a nail into a log, a butter toss, and a water relay. The event was a success, and it would not have been possible without our Young Farmers.

My final event was the 2024 Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Golf Outing. At the beginning of the summer I reached out to many businesses to pursue sponsorships for the event. I also collected information from the business that responded. Following our outreach, I planned awards, prizes, lunch, and a new game, Hole of Fortune! I also put together yard signs, and created cards for each of the golf carts to display our sponsors' generosity. We finished this year's golf outing with 22 sponsors, 14 teams, and raised over \$3,000 for Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation's Educational and Scholarship Programming.

As this summer is coming to an end, I will be returning to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for my sophomore year, shortly. I am majoring in Agricultural Consumer Economics with a concentration in Public Policy and Law.

Thank you Knox County Farm Bureau for an unforgettable summer, Clara Kuelper

Agriculture in the Community Grant

The next round of Agriculture in the Community Grant applications are due November 1, 2024. Remember, these grants are available to teachers, FFA Chapters & 4-H Clubs, and community groups wanting to signify the importance of agriculture in Knox County. Questions regarding the grant application should be sent to knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org The application is available at www.knoxcfb.org under the Foundation tab.

8th Annual Golf Outing



1st Place Team: the Hennenfents



2nd Place Team: Diamond Ag

On July 26, the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation hosted the 8th Annual Golf Outing at Oak Run Public Golf Course! 15 teams competed on a beautiful day- potentially the nicest weather we have ever had!

A surprise game was set up on Hole 15. For \$20, teams could spin the Hole of Fortune and see what luck (or not) they landed on! Mrs. Green and Mrs. Hennenfent had a great time running the game!

Congratulations to the Hennenfent team for their first place finish and to Diamond Ag on a very close second. Both teams graciously donated their winnings back! Tommy Adams was the Closest to Pin on hole 11, Katie Hennenfent was the female longest drive on hole 10, Hayden Bennett was the male longest drive on hole 10, and Drew Ponder had the Longest Putt on hole 9.

A huge shout out to our sponsors that make this event so successful! Next time you see them, thank them for their support of the Knox County Agriculture in the Classroom program, scholarships, and the Agriculture in the Community Grant Program.

Golf Outing Sponsors

Names in **bold** were barn raiser sponsors at \$500

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Agriculture in the Community Grant- May Grant Awarded!

Costa Catholic Academy was awarded \$1,000 through the Agriculture in the Community Grant for their Farm to Table Lunch Program. The funds were used to purchase a compost bin, raised garden beds, compost cans, and garden tools. Charlene Sullivan, project contact, said "The objective of the Farm to Table Lunch Program at Costa Catholic Academy is to give students both a sense of pride in helping grow food for their lunches as well as an awareness of the importance of agriculture."

If you are interested in donating to the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau Office at 309-342-2036 or knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org. You may also donate safely online using the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation PayPal account on our website at www.knoxcfb.org/foundation or scan our QR Code:

