

Bulletin



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Pictured Left to Right: Carl O'Connor (Don Teel Scholarship Committee Member), Jeff & Joanie Stiers (parents of Sidney Stiers), Emily West, and Dan Teel (son of Don Teel)

2024 Don Teel Scholarship Recipients

The recipients of the Don Teel Scholarship were announced and awarded on July 16 during the 4-H Livestock Sale at the Knox County Fairgrounds. Each recipient will receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship for college.

This year's winners were:

Sidney Stiers of Williamsfield, a Williamsfield Town and Country 4-H club member. She is a 2024 graduate of Williamsfield High School. She plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall of 2025, as she has been elected to the state FFA officer team for this coming year. Sidney is the daughter of Joanie and Jeff Stiers.

Emily West of Victoria, a Walnut Grove Progressors 4-H club member. She is a 2024 ROWVA High School graduate. She plans to attend Black Hawk East this fall. Emily is the daughter of Janelle and Jay West.

The scholarship is in memory of Mr. Don Teel who was well known during his 40 years of employment as an agricultural advisor for the Knox County Extension Service, now known as the University of Illinois Extension.



Tractor & Lawnmower Safety School & Driving Contest

On July 25, the Young Farmers hosted the 4-H and FFA Tractor and Lawnmower Safety School and Driving Contest at the Knox County Fairgrounds. 13 kids learned about tractor and lawnmower safety and then completed courses while being timed. Lawnmower contestants had to complete a figure 8 course without bumping into flags and back the mower into the start position. The tractor contestants had a longer course that including tight turns and backing up with a manure spreader. A huge shout out to Birkey's for always being so willing to provide great equipment for this event, to the Fairgrounds for letting us use the grounds for our event, and to the parents for bringing their kids and friends out to learn more about equipment safety! Congratulations to everyone!

Winners pictured are Lawnmower Division: Madison Lewis- 1st place, Caroline Moffitt- 2nd place. Tractor Division: John Moffitt- 1st place, Seth Hawkinson- 2nd place.

Knox County Fair Grand Champion Steer

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to congratulate Addysen Link, shown below, on her 2024 Grand Champion Steer at the Knox County Fair.

Addysen is the daughter of Aaron and Katie Link of Rio. She will be a senior this fall at ROWVA High School. Addysen has been

showing livestock since the age of 5.

The Knox County Farm Bureau is proud to sponsor the Grand Champion Market Animal banner and premium payout. Pictured below are KCFB Vice President Phil Goedeke, Judge Jordan Rauch, and Addysen Link.



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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Drones take off in agriculture

Most have seen those cool, little drones that hover like hummingbirds to capture bird's-eye images at festivals, weddings and sporting events. In agriculture, these unmanned aerial vehicles survey cattle, monitor plant health, locate wind-damaged crops and define field boundaries.

But check out the big brother: A drone with a footprint the size of a small SUV and the weight-holding capacity that could (but shouldn't) carry a small adult. These high-tech, spider-like pieces of technology rank among the must-see items at farm shows, where companies like my husband's deliver first-hand accounts of the drone's ability to use next-level technology to apply liquid products of herbicides, fungicides and

biologicals and dry products of cover crop seeds and granular fertilizers.

As drones start to grow in the agricultural space, they are gleaning second glances from a generation with thumbs skilled enough to message on phones without auto-correction and power game controllers with precision. Their minds carry a keen desire to use technology to make jobs better, easier and more accurate while bringing excitement and new-age thinking to age-old farm tasks.

Drones are attracting young people who love technology to an industry that they misinterpreted as just for farmers. Meanwhile, these large-capacity drones are giving next-generation farm kids a way to generate income to support the family farm's growth with a sideline gig as a licensed, for-hire drone application business. It's another exciting example of innovation in agriculture.

The capacity currently does not match that of its rubber-tired counterpart but drones can still operate when field conditions are muddy. It needs more fill-ups, requires frequent battery swaps and licens-

ing may overwhelm newbies, though it's attainable. The future holds promise for larger storage capacity, longer battery life and swarm technology that allows multiple drones to work in concert to complete a task. The devices seem a prime candidate to deliver see-and-spray technology for weed control, and the potential is untapped in field boundary generation, crop indexing and thermal imaging.

In our farm's wheat fields this spring, a drone corrected a ground rig's mis-applied batch of dry fertilizer. Using a satellite-guided prescription written to deliver fertilizer only on the field's under-nourished areas, the drone's fully autonomous application noticeably improved the plant health within the week. So, we hired the drone to spray fungicide. It applied the product without leaving a track in the wheat as our own sprayer would have. The result: a fantastic grain yield and a barn full of bright yellow straw bales.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans and hay and raise beef cattle, backyard chickens and farm kids.

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

116. TRESPASS, VANDALISM, AND PRIVATE LAND ACCESS

We support:

1. Encouraging courts to punish vandals by requiring them to clean up and repair their own vandalism at their own expense or perform some other constructive work. We urge judges, when setting sentences, to require reimbursement of Crime Stoppers or similar reward programs, as a part of the sentence.

2. Legislation to protect landowners and tenants from property seizures, claims, and costs caused by unauthorized activities of trespassers and licensees entering upon and using the landowners' property.

3. Efforts, including legislation and working with law enforcement agencies and prosecutors, to increase the enforcement of criminal trespass laws.

4. Legislation specifying that, in criminal damage to property cases where the damage was caused by the unauthorized operation of a vehicle on private property, the threshold of felony status be elevated to a level suited to the crime and one that would help to remove the law enforcement community's hesitancy to prosecute those violators. In such cases, a minimum fine should be established with required restitution to the victim for property damages caused and the violator's driver's license should be suspended for six months.

5. Legislation linking criminal violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code and acts of criminal trespass or criminal damage to property to the driver's license record of anyone convicted of these crimes for the unauthorized operation of a motor vehicle on private property.

6. Legislation creating an owner responsibility provision in law that obligates the owner of a vehicle to compensate for damages caused to private property by the use of the vehicle on that property without the landowner's authorization unless the vehicle was stolen or the vehicle's owner took reasonable precautions against misuse of the vehicle.

7. Efforts to educate law enforcement officials and the general public

- especially youth - about the property damage caused by the unauthorized operation of vehicles on private property and the liability and penalties for any resulting property damage.

8. The development and dissemination of programs and materials on private property rights and the associated portions of trespass and criminal law. We encourage county Farm Bureaus to pursue similar efforts on the local level.

9. Efforts to educate farmland owners and farmland operators about their legal rights and responsibilities relating to trespass; also, efforts to educate them about insurance coverage relating to liability and property damage caused through trespass. We encourage county Farm Bureaus to pursue similar efforts on the local level.

10. Efforts to establish riding areas for ATVs and other off-highway vehicles and efforts to generate revenues for that purpose from those who use the vehicles for recreation.

11. Efforts to make it clear that persons going to or from rivers, streams, and bike trails over another's land or hunting on another's land without the owner's or rightful occupant's specific permission, without regard to the presence of any posted notices, are trespassers for the purposes of determining liability of a landowner for any injury which might occur to the trespasser.

12. Legislation that will require owners of recreational trails and their facilities to compensate owners of land adjacent to the trail or facility for any property damage, theft, littering, and/or vandalism caused by users of the trail

or facility except where the actual perpetrator can be identified and make restitution.

13. Efforts to educate farm owners and operators about their legal rights as they pertain to utilities and governmental or private surveying companies. We would encourage all surveyors to notify affected landowners and use public property whenever possible.

14. Efforts to educate farm owners and farmers about their legal rights as landlords or managers of residential properties.

15. Landowners being an additional named insured for all government and public utility project work that is being done on private property.

16. Efforts to enforce regulations on hot air balloons regarding their potential trespass on private property and their potential for endangering livestock.

17. A program to reward informants who provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who commit theft, arson, or vandalism to the property or premises of Illinois Agricultural Association (IAA) members.

18. Requiring sky diving companies to install tracking devices on the parachutes and other components that can become unattached during flight; notification to landowners and/or tenants of a lost parachute or parts of a parachute, or damage to crops or property caused by a skydive; skydive companies compensating the farmer for damages caused by skydivers landing on their property, ruining crops, or damage to farm equipment caused by parachutes and their parts.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Sue Colvin
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August KCFB Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on July 18.

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel

Ice Cream Social will be held at 4-H Fair, right before the Alumni Show on July 15 at 6:30.

Farm Business – Brian Nelson

Fire extinguisher inspection program July 16, 1-5 at the fairgrounds. 2022 Plat Books are available in the office. Plat Books are \$30 for members and \$50 for wall maps for members. Marketing Club is meeting every other Wednesday this summer.

Government and Policy – Kyle Underwood

KCFB once again invited our Elected Officials to the County Fair to eat at Cattlemen’s and Pork Producers. Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886.

Member Relations – Joel McCormick

KCFB met the 2023 Quota ending with 810 MM, 17 MS, 21PM, 1,789 A Members. For the 2024 Quota Program, we need 839 MM and PM Members.

Young Farmers – Brandon Hall

The Young Farmers met on June 13. Ag Olympics will be July 16, 30 minutes after the last livestock show ends. The Facebook event will have the official start time the day of. Tractor & Lawnmower Safety School & Driving Contest was rescheduled for July 25 at 6PM at the Fairgrounds. Hunter Safety Course August 23 and 24. Cosponsoring with Pheasant’s Forever. 40 spots.

PrimeTimers – Hailey Hennenfent

PrimeTimers did not meet in July due to fair time. They will meet again on August 20.

Foundation – Hailey Hennenfent

Next quarter Ag in the Community Grant Applications are due August 1, 2024. The 8th Annual Golf Outing will be held July 26 at Oak Run starting at 8AM.

KAC – Hailey Hennenfent

A new plaque for the Meritorious Service to Ag Award will be installed this summer.

OLD BUSINESS

There is a vacancy in District 2 for the KCFB Board of Directors.

NEW BUSINESS

KCFB Annual Meeting speakers were discussed.

KCFB donated \$100 to the Pink Ribbon for a Cure Golf Outing.

KCFB Board Attendance 2024

	May	June	July
Beard, Jennifer	C	P	P
Bollivar, Jason	C	P	A
Courson, Dustin	C	P	P
DeSutter, Drew	C	P	P
Eagle, Tim	C	P	P
Emken, Kurt	C	P	P
Emmons, Rob	C	A	A
Engel, Lori	C	P	P
Erickson, Michelle	-	P	P
Goedeke, Phil	C	P	P
Grady, Jeff	C	P	A
Hall, Brandon	C	P	P
Link, Aaron	C	P	P
Link, Cory	C	A	A
McCormick, Joel	C	A	P
Nelson, Brian	C	P	P
O’Connor, Tom	C	P	P
Shea, Damon	C	A	A
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Underwood, Kyle	C	P	A

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- (A) Absent
- (C) Cancelled



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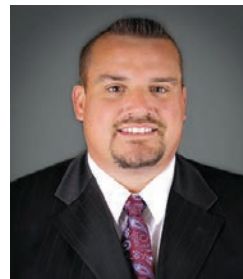
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Recipe of the Month Pineapple Chicken Sheet Pan Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1-pound cubed boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 20 ounce can pineapple chunks (drain and reserve the juice)
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 red bell pepper
- ½ medium-large red onion
- ½ cup BBQ sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Cilantro to garnish



Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line your sheet pan with parchment paper or a silicone liner for easier cleanup.
2. Chop the bell peppers and red onion into large 1.5-2-inch pieces. Cube the chicken thighs into 1-1.5-inch pieces.
3. Coat the onions with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Coat the bell peppers with 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Season the chicken with salt and pepper to taste. Then combine the BBQ sauce with 2 tablespoons of pineapple juice. Coat the chicken with ¾ of the BBQ/pineapple sauce mixture. Reserve the rest of the sauce for later.
4. Place the peppers, onions, pineapple, and chicken onto the sheet pan. Make sure the ingredients are in a single layer and not too crowded. Overcrowding can cause uneven cooking.
5. Place the pan in the oven and cook for 20-25 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and the vegetables are tender.

Optionally, turn the broiler on for the last 3-8 minutes to caramelize the vegetables.

Use the remaining sauce to drizzle over the top before serving.

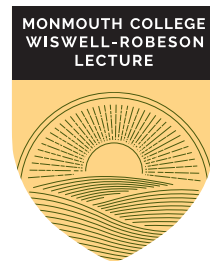
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Center for Food Integrity CEO Charlie Arnot will explore the changing social expectations for agriculture and the food system and how agriculture can build trust in the practices that feed the world and protect the planet.

Monmouth College's annual Wiswell-Robeson Lecture is made possible by a gift from **Jeanne Gittings Robeson '60**, who operated a farm in Warren County, Illinois, with her late husband, **Don Robeson '54**. This lecture series explores issues, challenges and innovations in the agricultural industry.



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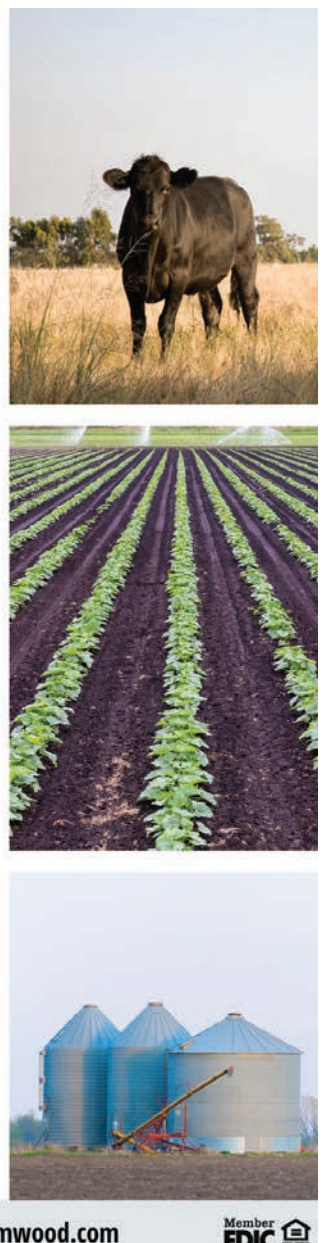
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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



Celebrating National Health Center Week Powering Communities Through Caring Connections

The Knox Community Health Center (KCHC) is celebrating National Health Center Week August 4th through the 10th. This annual event highlights the essential role Community Health Centers play in improving public health and advancing health equity. Health centers represent the nation's largest primary care network, serving 31.5 million patients nationwide.

Located at 1361 W. Fremont St. in Galesburg, the Knox Community Health Center offers medical, dental, and behavioral health services. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and appointments can be scheduled by calling 309-344-2225.

The medical team at the Knox Community Health Center is led by Robert Wagner, MD, who has 49 years of experience and is dedicated to delivering top-quality care to patients of all ages. The health center offers same-day medical appointments and accepts walk-ins for acute illnesses.

The Knox Community Health Center provides comprehensive healthcare services to patients regardless of income or insurance status. KCHC accepts a wide range of insurance plans, including most private insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid. For uninsured or underinsured patients, KCHC offers a sliding fee scale based on household income. Additionally, eligible KCHC patients can participate in the 340b Prescription Drug Program to obtain affordable medications.

Community Health Centers are not simply healers; but innovators who look beyond medical charts to not only prevent illness but also address the factors that may cause poor health, such as poverty, homelessness,

also accepting cleaning supplies to maintain the shelter. Items can be brought to the Knox Community Health Center Monday through

Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This donation drive will run through the end of August. Please visit our Facebook page or our website www.knoxcountyhealth.org for more information.

In addition to the homeless bags, the Knox Community Health Center is participating in an episode of WGIL's Galesburg In Focus airing on Saturday, August 3rd and is attending the NAACP Community Cookout focusing on children's oral health from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. also on August 3rd. KCHC is also showing its

appreciation for our patients, recognizing our Governance Board at its Thursday, August 8th meeting, and celebrating our employees with a luncheon on Friday, August 9th.

The Knox Community Health Center would like to be your family's provider with medical, dental and behavioral health needs all under one roof. Providers at KCHC have treated 2,167 patients so far this year completing 5,283 appointments. Come see us today & we'll be here when you need us later.

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substance use, mental illness, access to nutritious food and unemployment.

With a mission to make high-quality, affordable care available to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay or insurance status, health centers save lives on the front lines of our nation's more pressing public health challenges.

The health center mission is crucial today because access to basic care remains a challenge to over 100 million people across the country. Many people live in remote areas and communities where there is a shortage of providers and, in many cases, the nearest doctor or hospital can be as far as a 50-mile drive in another county.

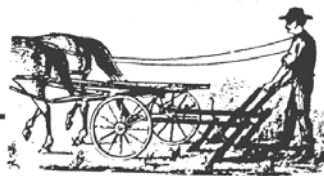
To commemorate National Health Center Week, KCHC is collecting donations for Homeless Bags to benefit the Warming Shelter. Community members can contribute items such as socks, t-shirts, underwear, easy to open non-perishable foods, blankets, hats, gloves, backpacks and draw string bags. KCHC is



County Farm Bureau Presidents Conference

Eighty-four county Farm Bureau presidents and seven CFB vice presidents representing 91 counties attended the Presidents Conference July 29 and 30 at the I-Hotel in Champaign. Participants received updates on IFB's legislative priorities, the IFB Organizational Member Strategy and other initiatives. Pictured are KCFB President Drew DeSutter and American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall. (Photo by Catrina Rawson)

Looking Back



August 2017



Knox County Farm Bureau Directors (L-R) Grant Strom and David S. Erickson helped serve ice cream during the Appreciation Ice Cream Social after the rocket launch of the 2017 4-H Fair.

PrimeTimers News

PrimeTimers did not meet in July due to fair season. The next meeting will be August 20 at the Agri Center with a presentation on Monarchs. 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!



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Jeremy Kleine



John Ryner

~ 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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