

Bulletin



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

Applications Now Available for 2025 Ag Leaders of Tomorrow

Are you, or someone you know, ready to take the next step in their leadership development? The Illinois Farm Bureau has a program to help with that. The Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) provides participants with the tools they need to reach their full potential and emerge as a leader in agriculture.

Whether you serve on your county Farm Bureau board, county Farm Bureau committee, or a leader in agribusiness or your local community, you'll benefit from ALOT just as the over 1,200 previous graduates have. Classroom studies cover leadership, communication & professional skills, political process, agricultural economics, and global issues, and are taught by experts in a variety of fields. Classes will be conducted over a seven-week period in a different region of the state each year, so there's sure to be one near you.

In 2025, there will be seven weekly ses-



sions held across Northwestern Illinois, Springfield, and Bloomington, Illinois. The seven-week program includes four overnight sessions, two single-day sessions, and one virtual session.

The ALOT program is limited to 25 participants, who are chosen following interviews conducted on December 3rd via Zoom by the ALOT advisory committee. There is an \$800 tuition fee, which includes meals, lodging, and instructional materials.

Applications are available online at www.ilfb.org/alot and are due by November 1st. For more information about the program visit www.ilfb.org/alot or contact the Knox County Farm Bureau at 309-342-2036 or the IFB Training and Development Department at 309-557-2038.



Scott & Oliver Hennenfent go over the rules for the pedal tractor pull.

Yates City Pedal Tractor Pull

On August 17, the Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers had a great time hosting the pedal tractor pull at the Yates City Harvest Home Festival for kids in 5 weight groups! Thanks to Scott Hennenfent for providing the sled and tractors from Pat's Pedal Power Pullers!

Celebrate National Farm Safety and Health Week Sept. 15-21

The Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) is once again collaborating with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety



(NECAS) to promote farm safety and health during National Farm Safety and Health Week, which will take place from September 15-21, 2024. This year's theme, "Don't Learn Safety by Accident," is dedicated to raising awareness about the hazards of working in agriculture. It underscores the importance of prioritizing the health and safety of those who work tirelessly to provide our abundant supply of food, fiber, and fuel.

Each day of the week has a designated topic of focus to promote various aspects of farm safety:

- Monday, Sept. 16 – Equipment and Rural Roadway Safety
- Tuesday, Sept. 17 – Health and Wellness
- Wednesday, Sept. 18 – Generations of Farming
- Thursday, Sept. 19 – Confined Spaces
- Friday, Sept. 20 – Reporting Ag Injuries

The 2021 data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reveals that the agricultural sector remains the most hazardous industry in America, with 453 fatalities, equating to 19.5 deaths per 100,000 workers. Fall harvest time is particularly busy and perilous for those in agriculture. Consequently, the third week of September has been designated as National Farm Safety and Health Week to emphasize the importance of safety and health in this critical industry.

For more information about National Farm Safety and Health Week, contact your local county Farm Bureau, visit www.necasag.org, or contact Donna Gallivan at 309-557-2350 or dgallivan@ilfb.org.



Young Farmer Members Brandon Hall, Abby Springer, and Jared Ekstrand



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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Volunteer for the better

During my side gigs over the years as parent-teacher club president, Sunday School teacher and FFA alumni volunteer enthusiast, my home office has served as much a dumping grounds for community service projects as it has a private space for writing commentaries and paying bills.

I call it my staging area, a designated place that holds the intent to make a difference in our small town of 600 people. I have friends with such spaces, too, because

Getting To Know Your FB Policy

19. ENDANGERED SPECIES
We support:

A moratorium on additional listings under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in its current form until such time as it is amended and updated to accommodate the needs of both endangered and threatened species and humans with complete respect for private property rights within the framework of the United States Constitution.

Endangered and threatened species protection that is achieved through providing incentives to private landowners and public land users rather than by imposing land use restrictions and penalties.

The burden of proof for listing being on the petitioner, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (together, the Agencies), rather than on the general public.

Scientific and peer-reviewed data being used as the basis for listing a species, as well as the basis for the development of regional or state conservation plans involving those species.

A legitimate state-level process of involving stakeholders, including farm organizations, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and agricultural representatives, in discussions around listing decisions and conservation planning.

A more efficient process for the delisting of species that allows the Agencies to achieve the stated objectives of the ESA: to recover and delist species.

Reasonable assurance mechanisms at the federal and state level that allow farmers to conduct normal farming activities without fear of liability under the ESA and Illinois' Endangered Species Protection Act.

We oppose:

The recognition of species that are considered under threat versus endangered to be a factor in liabilities to private landowners.

A definition of critical habitat that includes areas without the current presence of an endangered species.

3. The listing of the monarch butterfly as a threatened or endangered species.

4. Any group that receives funding pursuant to the ESA or as a result of litigation associated with the ESA, from being able to petition, support or encourage the listing of a species.

if small towns want or need something, their citizens often must collaborate to provide for the community.

Our parks offer some of the most visual evidence of volunteerism in our village, which lacks a taxpayer-funded park district. Volunteers fundraise, install and oversee the 18-hole disc golf course, perennial beds, arboretum, depot pavilion, caboose museum and the barn playground, an incredible project that alone won the state's top award for volunteerism. Currently, talented community members donate time and resources to install a mini golf course with nine holes of unique themes to reflect our community's history - a coal shovel, grain bins and iron river bridge among them.

Unthinkable to my city friends, trained volunteers fight fires and provide our first-response medical care. Unpaid folks deco-

rate the downtown for the holidays and archive our history in a small museum. Veterans hang dozens of flags in the park and cemetery every Memorial Day. Our musical leaders at church sing and play for God's glory without compensation. Passionate volunteers endlessly support student success in the local FFA and make youth soccer, summer ball, 4-H and the scouts a reality.

Our kids learn at a young age that community service provides church dinners, roadside cleanups, fun youth programs, impactful nonprofits and special events like the upcoming town festival. For the latter, more than 125 volunteers will organize and deliver agri-entertainment-style fun for free to attendees at a festival that encapsulates the power of community service. Magic happens and friendships form when talents, skills and resources of volunteers come together for the common goal of community betterment.

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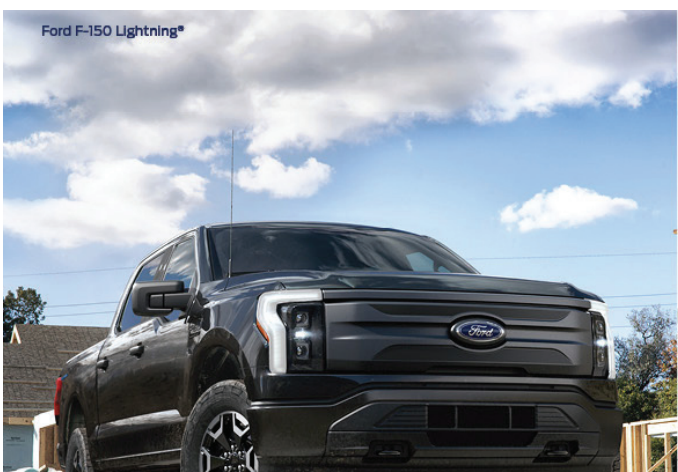
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August KCFB Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on August 15.

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel
 Start collecting ideas for Adult AITC.

Farm Business – Brian Nelson
 2022 Plat Books are available in the office. Plat Books are \$30 for members and \$50 for wall maps for members. Marketing Club will meet August 14 and 28 at the office at 12:30. Marketing Club members are also invited to attend the WCFS Field Day on August 23 for our WCFS Update Meeting.

Government and Policy – Kyle Underwood

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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. Pork Spice is sold out.

Young Farmers – Brandon Hall
 Tractor & Lawnmower Safety School & Driving Contest was held July 25 at 6PM at the Fairgrounds. 11 lawnmower students and 2 tractor students. Oak Run Social was August 5. Yates City Harvest Home Festival asked Young Farmers to hold a pedal pull. Working with Scott Hennenfent and Pat's Pedal Pullers to have the pulls at 1PM at the basketball court. Hunter Safety Course August 23 and 24. Cosponsoring with Pheasants Forever. 40 spots. Cover Crop Field Day September 6. Details to come.

PrimeTimers – Hailey Hennenfent
 PrimeTimers will meet on August 20 to learn about monarchs from Teresa Sanford-Shipplett. The next PrimeTimers meeting is September 17. PrimeTimers are always looking for new members to join, 55 and older!

Foundation – Hailey Hennenfent
 The KCFB Foundation will meet August 27 for their quarterly meeting. Costa Catholic Academy has been awarded \$1,000 through the Ag in the Community Grant Program to start the Farm to Table Lunch Program at the school. A composting bin and 2 raised garden beds will be purchased for students to grow food for lunches and raise awareness of the importance of agriculture. Next quarter Ag in the Community Grant Applications due November 1, 2024. The 8th Annual Golf Outing was held July 26 at Oak Run starting at 8AM. Over \$3,000 was raised.

KAC – Hailey Hennenfent
 The Knox Agri Center will meet August 27 for their quarterly meeting. 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.

The 2024 fiscal year audit was discussed. KCFB will use CLA once again to perform the audit.

KCFB will be donating a Knox County Wine basket for the IAA Foundation Silent Auction in December.


KCFB Board Attendance 2024

	June	July	August
Beard, Jennifer	P	P	P
Bollivar, Jason	P	A	P
Courson, Dustin	P	P	A
DeSutter, Drew	P	P	P
Eagle, Tim	P	P	A
Emken, Kurt	P	P	P
Emmons, Rob	A	A	P
Engel, Lori	P	P	P
Erickson, Michelle	P	P	A
Goedeke, Phil	P	P	P
Grady, Jeff	P	A	P
Hall, Brandon	P	P	P
Link, Aaron	P	P	P
Link, Cory	A	A	P
McCormick, Joel	A	P	P
Nelson, Brian	P	P	P
O'Connor, Tom	P	P	P
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November 1st

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December 3rd
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It's Back to School We Go!

AITC coordinators are developing plans for the new school year. Mrs. Green will continue to work with grades K-2, and Mrs. Hennenfent will be visiting grades 3-5.

This year Ag in the Classroom coordinators are promoting a new program called Awesome Agriculture. Awesome Agriculture is a free, web-based video and lesson series intended to help bring engaging science topics into classrooms. Sixteen topics have already been developed with more to come. Knox County's own Brandon Hall is featured in the Soils lesson! Anyone can access the videos and lessons at <https://www.agintheclassroom.org>.

Watch for a Knox County Ag in the Classroom tractor and wagon in the Labor Day Parade. We are happy to have the constant support of our farmer friend, Dale Carlson. We appreciate his willingness to help publicize the AITC program in our local parades.

September 19, 2024 will be the annual Ken Russell 5th Grade Outdoor Education

Day at Lake Storey. All Knox County 5th graders are invited to attend and visit with local volunteers to learn about all things outdoors. Knox County's AITC coordinator Mrs. Hennenfent will be providing an educational station at the event. This event was named for her father who was an IDNR Fisheries Biologist.

AITC coordinators are looking forward to seeing students again and talking about agriculture!



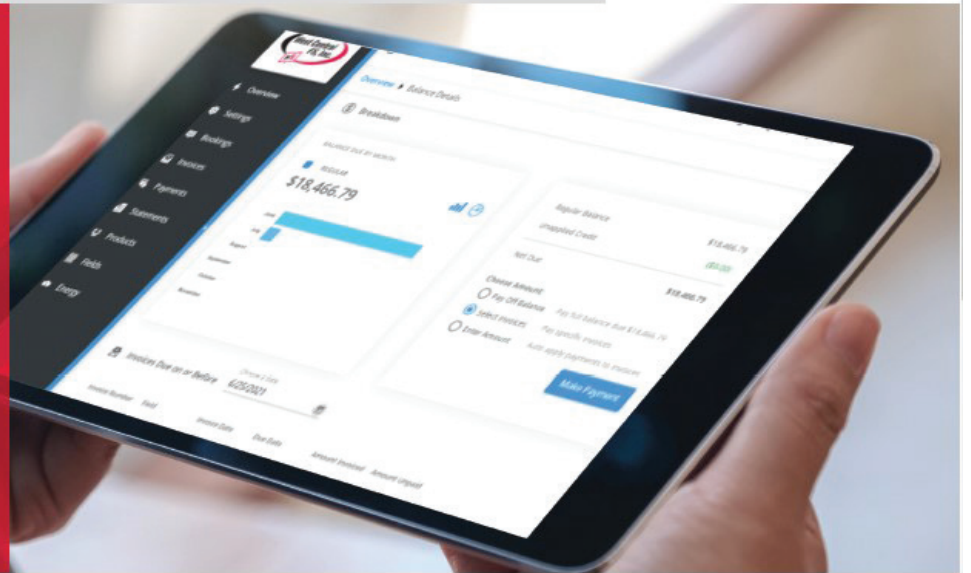
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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



Be Prepared for All Emergencies

National Preparedness Month- also referred to as Emergency Preparedness Month or Disaster Preparedness Month- is an annual campaign held in September to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness. This month serves as a dedicated time to empower individuals, families, businesses, and communities with the knowledge and resources they need to effectively respond to and recover from emergencies.

Fires, tornadoes, and other emergencies are unpredictable by nature, but there are some basic steps everyone can take to help themselves in an emergency. Local Emergency Response Coordinator, Mandy Dixon, says that the top hazards for Knox County include transportation incidents, winter storms, extreme cold, tornado and chemical spills. Power outages can happen sporadically, and it is important to be prepared for any of these events.

After an emergency, you may need to have supplies for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water, and other supplies to last you. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Make sure your emergency kit is stocked with the items on the checklist below. Once you look at the items consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets or seniors.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

- To assemble your kit store items in airtight plastic bags and put your kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers or a duffel bag.
- Water (one gallon per person per day for several days)
- Food (at least a several-day supply of non-perishable food)
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio
- Flashlight
- First aid kit

- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust mask
- Plastic sheeting, scissors, and duct tape
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties (for personal sanitation)
- Wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities)
- Manual can opener
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers and a backup battery
- Soap, hand sanitizer
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers,

and wipes

- Pet food
- After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it is ready when needed.
- To download an emergency supply list, go to ready.gov/kit.

If you are looking to get involved with community preparedness, Knox County has a chapter of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The MRC is a national network of volunteers, organized locally to improve the health and safety of their communities. You can participate in the MRC whether you are a medical or public health professional or a community member without a healthcare background. To join, contact Mandy Dixon at the Knox County Health Department by calling (309) 344-2224.

FOOD SAFETY MYTHBUSTERS

MYTH: The “slime” or “goo” on my raw chicken needs to be rinsed off before cooking.

FACT: Rinsing raw chicken can spread harmful bacteria around your kitchen and onto ready-to-eat foods.

The “slime” or “goo” on the outside of raw chicken will go away during the cooking process. Poultry should be cooked until the internal temperature reaches 165°F on a digital food thermometer.

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Recipe of the Month – Chocolate

Raspberry Bites

Ingredients:

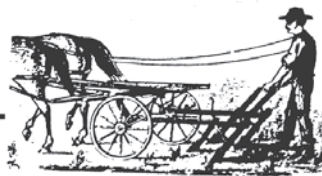
- 18 ounces (1 ½ cups) coarsely chopped chocolate or chocolate chips
- 2 pints fresh raspberries, washed and dried

Instructions:

1. Line a mini muffin tin with paper liners or spray lightly with non-stick cooking spray
2. In a microwave safe bowl, melt the chocolate at 50% power, stirring every minute or so until smooth.
3. Drop a teaspoon of chocolate into each mini muffin tin, then add 2-3 raspberries. Top with another small dollop of melted chocolate.
4. Refrigerate for at least an hour, or until chocolate is firm. Let stand at room temperature for a few minutes before popping the bites out of the mini muffin tin with a knife.
5. Keep chilled until serving or freeze in an airtight container for up to 3 months.



Looking Back



September 1984



4-H Tractor Contest Winners

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers Committee again sponsored the 1984 4-H Tractor Driving Contest at the Knox County Fairgrounds during the 4-H Fair. The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Women's Committee also sponsored two Tractor Safety Schools in the 1984 year; and in order to be eligible to win an award in the Tractor Driving Contest, a 4-H member must have participated in at least one of the Safety Schools prior to the Contest.

Approximately 25 4-H Tractor Drivers participated in the event which was divided into Senior Division and a Junior Division Competition.

Pictured about are the 1984 contest winners as follows: The Senior Division winners were, first place (second from right) David Nelson of Wataga; and second place (far right) Matt Carlson of Wataga; 1984 Junior Division winners were, first place (left) Bob Cheline of North Henderson; and second place (second from left) Bill Hennenfent of Gilson.

This is the second year the Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers have sponsored the Tractor Driving Contest to enhance the tractor safety program in the county.

PrimeTimers News

PrimeTimers met on August 20 for a potluck and presentation on monarchs by Teresa Sanford-Shipplett. The next meeting will be September 17 at the Agri Center. 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!

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative, Jeremy Kleine as the top membership recruiter in August. Jeremy signed six new Associate Members. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.



Jeremy Kleine

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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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