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Attention Farm Bureau Members! The Knox County Farm Bureau office will be closed December 21st through January 1st so our staff can spend time with family during the Christmas season. The KCFB will reopen on January 2nd at 8:00 am.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

From the
Knox County Pork Producers

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
December	
1-4	IAA Annual Meeting, Chicago
10	Holiday Cheese Pick-Up, 11 AM, KAC
20	KCFB Board Mtg, 7 PM, KAC
21-1	KCFB Office Closed
January	
2	KCFB Office Open
10	Young Farmers, 6 PM, KAC
15	PrimeTimers, 12 PM, KAC
17	KCFB Board Mtg, 7 PM, KAC
19	KCFB Annual Mtg, 10 AM, Cedar Creek Hall
21	KCFB Office Closed
24	Winter Crop Mtg, 6 PM, KAC
25	Pork Producers Annual Mtg, 6:30, Lake Storey Pavilion
25-26	Young Leader Conf, East Peoria

KNOX COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION
62nd Annual Meeting ~ Friday, January 25, 2019
6:30 PM – Lake Storey Pavilion

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**KNOX COUNTY CATTLEMEN’S ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual Meeting Saturday, February 9, 2019**  
**4:30 PM – Social**  
**5:30 PM – Meal**  
**Lake Storey Pavilion**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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

Kimberly Angotti  
 Kinsey Ayres  
 Amanda & Ryan Bauchman  
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 Shelby Carlson  
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 Nicole Nelson  
 Katherine Okrzesik  
 Darrin Peterson  
 Deborah Roberts  
 Charles Ross  
 Kimberly & Timothy Stevenson  
 Mary & Logan Stiers  
 James Taylor III

## 2019 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee Members Chosen

CHICAGO — The Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Young Leader Committee elected its 2019 committee members during the IFB Annual Meeting, held in Chicago, Dec. 1-4. While the committee was elected by Young Leader members, it must be confirmed by the IFB voting delegates Monday during the business session.

The committee members, which includes Chairman Kaylee Heap of Kendall County, Vice-Chair Kendall Browning of Franklin County, Secretary Mandy Eichelberger of Tazewell County, Governmental Affair and Commodities Subcommittee Chair

Chad Bell of Mercer County, Education and Recruitment Subcommittee Chair Jenny Jackson of Morgan County, and Achievement Subcommittee Chair Drew DeSutter of Knox County, will assume their positions at the end of the IFB Annual Meeting.

Members of the IFB Young Leaders are 18- to 35-year-old men and women who are passionate about farming. It is a member-created, member-driven program of the IFB that allows members to promote agriculture and compete in events, including the Young Leader achievement award, excellence in agricul-

ture award, discussion meets, quiz bowl, membership contest and county chair award.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of 394,792 and a voting membership of 78,999. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.

## Notice! Knox County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the voting members of the Knox County Farm Bureau will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Cedar Creek Hall, Galesburg, to elect directors and if approved confirm the reports of the officers for the year ending November 30, 2018; and for the transactions of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

The morning will begin with check-in at 9:30 a.m. The business meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by the guest speaker at 11:00 a.m. The Annual Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Live Auction will be held following the business meeting at 11:30 a.m. In conclusion of the live auction, a brunch buffet will

be served. The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Silent Auction will also be taking place throughout the morning. All proceeds from both auctions will benefit Knox County's Ag in the Classroom program.

Dated at Galesburg, Illinois on December 1, 2018.

## Marketing Program Well Attended

Over 100 Farm Bureau members attended Steve Johnson's Fall Marketing Program at the Knox Agri-Center on November 19th. Thank you to our 2018 program sponsors Abingdon Banking Center, First Midwest Bank, North-And. Co., Tompkins State Bank, Walt Dagen Construction, West Central FS, Knox County Farm Bureau, and Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau.

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**When: January 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM Dinner Meeting to follow.**  
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From The Knox County Farm Bureau Board & Staff

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## Farm Gate

by Joanie Stiers

### Farm creates country-style Christmas

I love this time of year. My infatuation with the holiday season seems fitting for a Christmas Eve baby who literally traveled home from the hospital in a Christmas stocking. I'm so in love with the Christmas season that my husband and I decorated a "wedding tree" at our late-summer reception in the farm shop: a 12-foot scotch pine under which guests placed presents – the tree itself a gift from the local Christmas

tree farm.

I have more Christmas tunes than country songs in my playlist. I own a half dozen full-size artificial trees (and a few little ones). And I'm one of those who decorates before Thanksgiving. I figure that if I can decorate with pumpkins for six weeks or more, then the greenery deserves as much time out of the box. To back my decision, experts in the field of psychology say that decorating for Christmas early makes some people happier, spiking feel-good hormones. I'll sacrifice a solar spotlight to illuminate that message of glad tidings.

Regardless of when I pull out the ceramic light-up barns, the farm intertwines with our holiday. I'm a sucker for any Christmas decorations with farm influences, such as wrapping paper dotted with chickens wearing Santa hats and wooden trees made of reclaimed barn board. I use a rusty old hog feed pan as a table centerpiece filled with pine cones from the farm windbreak. A string of corn cob lights and a collection of tractor ornaments adorn the tree in our bedroom. Meanwhile, the old runner sled on display outside the front door reminds

me of Grandpa's hill in the cattle pasture.

The Christmas music starts in our home after Halloween or at the end of harvest, whichever comes first. That mega farm task otherwise siphons any pleasure of celebrating the season. It yields only guilty joy to crank the holiday tunes while knowing the crops are still out there. For some evidence of that, reminisce about 2009 and cue Blue Christmas when you do. That year's dreadfully late corn harvest extended beyond Christmas for most of us in farm country.

With a thick black line through "Harvest 2018" on the done list, I stream the Christmas tunes above the relentless blare of the bin fan outside. We wrap up production records, pay the year's final bills, plan the farm holiday party and enjoy some downtime, outside of a few cattle and chicken chores.

May you celebrate a blessed Christmas season filled with joyful moments.

About the author: Joanie Stiers, a wife and mother of two farm kids, writes from west-central Illinois, where her family grows corn, soybeans and hay and raises beef cattle.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Greetings,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for re-electing me as your State Senator for the 47th District. It has been a true honor to serve you, and I look forward to many more years representing and protecting the interests of our communities.

I have great news to report for the district. The federal government has set aside nearly \$60 million to repair the LaGrange Locks in Brown County on the Illinois River System, which is long overdue and will bring significant benefits for our producers, trade and economy.

This month, we wrapped up Fall Veto Session in Springfield, where a key public health initiative I sponsored became law. Working with Representative Norine Hammond, we passed legislation to ensure nursing home residents receive the quality patient care they deserve and their facilities receive Medicaid funding from the state at a more efficient rate.

Looking ahead to the new year, Legislative Session will begin on January 7, and the new General Assembly will be sworn in on January 9. I wanted to alert you to some notable issues for the agricultural and manufacturing industries that we will want to keep an eye on.

The Senate recently held a hearing on

legislation sponsored by Chicago lawmakers (Senate Bill 3429) that aims to strongly regulate the use of antibiotics with livestock animals. Their reasoning is to prevent humans from consuming antibiotic-resistant bacteria in their meat and poultry. As I'm sure you know, the Federal Government has already imposed stricter limitations on farmers' access and use of antibiotics with livestock. In addition to Senate Bill 3249, the Senate Agricultural Committee also held a subject matter hearing on the Livestock Management Facilities Act to open up discussion for even more farming regulations. I will be closely monitoring these issues in the Senate and representing the concerns of our hard-working and overregulated farmers. I will be sure to report any movement of these measures to my local farm bureaus.

With the swearing in of the new Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, we can expect the General Assembly will soon revisit the legalization of recreational marijuana. Before any legislative action is taken on this issue, I strongly urge the Governor's Office and State Legislature to work closely with local governments, law enforcement and constituents to address the substantial concerns over implementation, law enforcement, sales and regulation—and the worries of many families in Illinois. There is no



Senator Jil Tracy is pictured with State FFA President Sophia Hortin at the 2018 IFB Annual Meeting in Chicago.

need to rush this process.

I frequently like to keep in touch with the farm bureaus and agricultural producers in my district to better advocate for you in Springfield. If you have thoughts on state and local matters, please reach out to my district office at (217) 214-9704 or contact me on my legislative website at senatorjiltracy.com.

Sincerely,

Jil Tracy  
State Senator, 47th District

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FARM BUREAU POLICY

How well do you know Farm Bureau policy? In order to better understand it, KCFB will run monthly excerpts from the 2018 policy book. Interested in learning more about how our policy system works? It all starts with you! For more info contact the office!

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5. The development of guidelines for the safe operation of UAVs for all users.

6. Landowners and tenants to be able to fly their fields, for any reason, without it being considered a commercial activity.

7. Protecting property and privacy rights of farms and livestock operations while encouraging legitimate commercial and recreational uses of UAVs.

## 2019 IAA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members and their children are encouraged to apply for 72 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$110,000 for the 2019-2020 school year.

"We are pleased to help students through our growing scholarship program," said Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation. "It is a great privilege to support the next generation of leaders, and encourage continuing education in agricultural fields."

Students may apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Top Scholarships, where winners will each receive \$5,000 awards. Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner.

In addition to family scholarships often established to honor the memory of a loved one, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of organizations such as Prairie Farms Dairy and St. Louis District Dairy Council.

All applicants must be high school seniors accepted for enrollment, or students already enrolled at an accredited college, university or community college. Scholarships are awarded for exceptional academic ability, leadership and financial need. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines available at the Foundation website, [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). The application opens Dec. 1, 2018 and must be completed online by Feb. 1, 2019.

For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at

309-557-2230, or e-mail Susan Moore, Director, IAA Foundation, at [smoore@iflb.org](mailto:smoore@iflb.org).

The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.



# What's Christmas without a tree?

Although Christmas trees may not be the first commodity that comes to mind when you think Midwest agriculture, **66,000 evergreen trees are harvested in Illinois each year from over 270 farms!**

Christmas trees play an important part in many of our member's holiday traditions.

To find a Christmas Tree farm in your area, visit:  
[www.ilchristmastrees.com](http://www.ilchristmastrees.com).

Illinois Farm Bureau wishes you and your family Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!






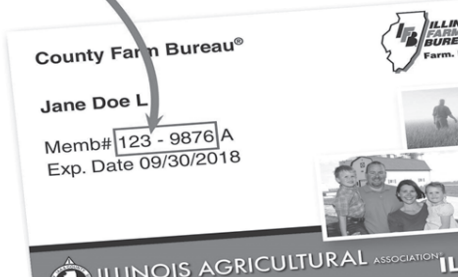
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## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on November 15, 2018.

### Education & Outreach – Hailey Weyhrich

The Sounds of Summer was a great event and now the committee is working with the Chamber for a Farm City Breakfast event.

### Farm Business – Jarid Cain

Steve Johnson will provide his program on November 19th at KAC. Some 2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are still available. The 2018 Plat Book is available and is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. We now have Peoria County Plat Books available in the office for purchase.

### Government and Policy – Joe Webel

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### Member Relations – Matt Hennenfent

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### Foundation – Hailey Weyhrich

The next Foundation meeting will be December 11 at the Knox Agri-Center.

### PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich

PrimeTimers will have their holiday luncheon on November 20 at Cherry St.

### Young Farmers – Jeff Grady

Jeff Grady is District 8 Discussion winner and will participate in the discussion meet at IFB Annual Meeting. The Leadership Bootcamp had positive responses on the survey. The YF are organizing a cover crop display next year.

### KAC – Terry Boydston

The next KAC meeting will be December 11 at the Knox Agri-Center. Pat Hennenfent was elected as President of KAC.

### OLD BUSINESS

At the Legislative Luncheon, Representative Weaver asked what FB opinion of the proposed mileage tax.

Jennifer Beard attended the IFB Board Director Training and learned how COUNTRY Financial helps finance Farm Bureau and strategic planning.

The KCFB Annual Meeting is on January 19 at Cedar Creek (the old American Legion) in Galesburg.

### NEW BUSINESS

IFB Annual Meeting in Chicago December 1-4. County awards and President's address are Saturday. Two trivia teams will participate on Sunday night.

## Board Meeting Attendance

| NAME                | Sept | Oct | Nov |
|---------------------|------|-----|-----|
| Beard, Jennifer     | C    | C   | P   |
| Bewley, Beau        | C    | C   | P   |
| Bohnert Yoder, Tara | C    | C   | P   |
| Boydston, Terry     | C    | C   | P   |
| Cain, Jarid         | C    | C   | P   |
| DeSutter, Drew      | C    | C   | A   |
| Engel, Lori         | C    | C   | P   |
| Erickson, David S   | C    | C   | P   |
| Goedeke, Phil       | C    | C   | P   |
| Grady, Jeff         | C    | C   | P   |
| Hennenfent, Matt    | C    | C   | A   |
| Hulsizer, Matt      | C    | C   | A   |
| King, Becky         | C    | C   | P   |
| Link, Jeff          | C    | C   | P   |
| Link, Nathan        | C    | C   | A   |
| O'Connor, Tom       | C    | C   | P   |
| Stevens, Monica     | C    | C   | P   |
| Strom, Grant        | C    | C   | P   |
| Swanson, Brett      | C    | C   | P   |
| Webel, Joe          | C    | C   | A   |
| West, Todd          | C    | C   | P   |
| C - Cancelled       |      |     |     |

## Primetimers at the Annual Holiday Luncheon on November 20th



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## Hailey's Manager Update

Sometimes, people say there is a "slow period" for Farm Bureau. We are definitely not experiencing that right now! For the beginning of this month, we have 14 board members, spouses, and kids traveling to Chicago for the IAA Annual Meeting. We are excited to hear this year's discussion on new policies. Some policies will be focused on more than ever before. Once I am back from Chicago, Jackie and I have the fun of preparing for our annual audit. We then move on to our December Board Meeting- one of my favorites! I get to have all my groups (Board of Directors, Young Farmers, Task Forces) and their families together at once to celebrate the holiday season. Next is on

to New Orleans for the AFBF Annual Meeting where I will be representing Knox County with Board Members accepting the CAE Award for Sounds of Summer. Five days later is our 101st County Annual Meeting! We will not be having a slow period by any means, but I am excited for all our events! If I do not have the chance to see you, I hope you have a very wonderful, and safe Christmas!



## Knox County AGRICULTURE in the Classroom<sup>SM</sup>

### November means Thanksgiving Feasts

November was filled with stories about turkeys and other foods served at Thanksgiving feasts. Mrs. Green took a variety of corn and products made from corn to share with each class. Students in Kindergarten through second grade around Knox County created something that included seeds from the three sisters: corn, beans and squash, a Native American agricultural crop.

Kindergarteners learned how to identify field corn from sweet corn. Students were provided with a can of sweet corn and an ear of field corn to help them understand how they are different, and the same. Everyone loves sweet corn, but in Knox County we grow a lot of field corn. Students know that Illinois is second in raising corn. They were shown pictures of corn fields and combines so they could see the ears of corn on the plant. Mrs. Green also brought an example of popcorn on the cob, and shared information about our local farmer at Pilot Knob Farms that grows red and blue popcorn. Students created corn art by decorating an ear of corn with field corn and popcorn seeds.

First grade students learned about the three sisters, and how each plant helped the other. Students learned that Native Americans told stories to share information. Students acted out the story of the three sisters. Sister corn stood tall, sister bean wrapped herself around sister corn so she could stand up, and sister squash covered the roots of the other two sisters to keep them from getting sunburned. After listening to a story about a turkey that posed for town folk to make turkey art, students were given corn, beans

and squash seeds to create their own turkey art.

In second grade, students built on their understanding of the three sisters, and Mrs. Green added some Native American artifacts. Students learned that Native Americans used every part of an animal and were inventors of tools from bones, and clothing from animal skins. Students learned how each of the sisters helped the other grow by putting certain nutrients into the soil that benefitted the other plants. The Corn Ag Mag was given to each classroom which provided information about products made from corn, including sweeteners, oils and ethanol. Before the end of the lesson, Mrs. Green used a piece of ecofoam (made of corn) to perform a magic trick....by making it disappear once it was submerged in water! Students were given a symbol representing the three sisters and created artwork that included each of the seeds.

Mrs. Green and Ms. Aggie will be teaching a lesson for an adopt-a-school classroom early in December. They will visit St. Symphorosa, a school near Midway Airport in Chicago. Pre-K through second grade will have a lesson on agriculture.



## Internship & Scholarships

Be sure to check our website for up-to-date scholarship opportunities!

### KCFB Foundation Summer Internship

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering an internship with the Knox County Farm Bureau for the summer of 2019. The intern will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and is encouraged to explore the possibility of using the internship to fulfill academic requirements for his/her major.

This is the 27th year for the program, which continues to be very successful. The internship is open to Knox County residents who will be a sophomore, junior, senior, or full-time graduate student at a college or university during the fall 2019 semester. Preference is given to applicants who have a farm background and/or are studying an agricultural-related field.

For more information and/or an application, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309/342-2036; e-mail: [knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org](mailto:knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org); or visit our website: [www.knoxcfb.org](http://www.knoxcfb.org). Applications are due February 13, 2019.

### KCFB Foundation \$1000 Scholarship

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship is open to Knox County residents who will be a sophomore, junior, senior, or full-time graduate student at a college or university during the fall 2019 semester. **Preference is given to applicants who have**

**a farm background and/or are studying an agricultural-related or communication-related field.**

This is the second year the KCFB Foundation will award this scholarship. For more information and/or an application, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309/342-2036; e-mail: [knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org](mailto:knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org); or visit our website: [www.knoxcfb.org](http://www.knoxcfb.org). Applications are due February 13, 2019.

### Thomas Lincoln \$1000 Scholarship

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is currently accepting applications for the Thomas Lincoln Scholarship, awarded annually in memory of Thomas Lincoln, a Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmer who died in a tragic car accident.

A \$1000 scholarship will be given in the spring of 2019 to a graduating high school senior who is a Knox County resident and has been accepted into an agricultural or agricultural-related curriculum at any college or university in the fall of 2019.

For more information and/or an application, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309/342-2036; e-mail: [knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org](mailto:knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org); or visit our website: [www.knoxcfb.org](http://www.knoxcfb.org). Applications are due February 13, 2019.

## Tyne Morgan To Headline Women In Agriculture Conference

The Women in Agriculture Conference committee is pleased to announce that Tyne Morgan will headline the 8th annual Women in Agriculture Conference in Rock Island on Thursday, March 14, 2019. Morgan was named the first female host of U.S. Farm Report in 2014. During her address, she will focus on news and policy that is shaping the agriculture industry.

The keynote will be followed by a variety of breakout sessions as well as lunch.

The closing speaker will be Erin Breneman, Farmer and Farrowing Manager of Breneman Pork. Raised in the suburbs of Chicago, it was only after Breneman married and moved to her family' hog operation that

her eyes were opened to what she calls "the beautiful world of farming." She has since become a strong advocate for the industry and for her own family's products. She will present "Sharing Your Farm Story."

Registration for the event starts on January 8th. The Conference is sponsored by the Bureau, Carroll, Fulton, Henry, Knox, Lee, Mercer, McDonough, Rock Island, Stark, Stephenson, Warren-Henderson, and Whiteside County Farm Bureaus in Illinois as well as Illinois Farm Bureau, COUNTRY Financial, River Valley Cooperative, University of Illinois Extension and Iowa State University Extension.



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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## It's Not Too Late To Get A Flu Vaccine

This winter, when you see signs reading "Get Your Flu Vaccine," you might ask "Isn't it too late to get vaccinated?" No, it's not too late! The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that flu vaccination efforts continue throughout the flu season. While CDC recommends getting vaccinated by the end of October so that people are more likely to be protected against the flu when activity picks up in your community, vaccination into December and beyond can be beneficial during most flu seasons, including this one.

Flu season most often peaks between December and March, but activity can occur as late as May. The Health Department is encouraging people who have not yet been vaccinated this season to get vaccinated now. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against influenza virus infection to develop in the body, so it's best to get vaccinated early.

For millions of people every season, the flu means a fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, fatigue, and miserable days spent in bed. Millions of people get sick, hundreds of thousands are hospitalized, and thousands to tens of thousands of people die from flu each year.

There is a vaccine that can help reduce the risk of flu and its potentially serious complications. While the vaccine varies in how well it works, there are many studies that show that flu vaccination reduces flu illnesses, doctor visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevents flu-related hospitalizations.

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against seasonal flu viruses. This season, CDC recommends that providers use any licensed, age-appropriate influenza vaccine (Inactivated influenza vaccines (IIV), Recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV), or live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV4)) with no preference expressed for one vaccine over another.

Some people are at high risk for serious flu-related complications that can lead to hospitalization and even death. People at high risk include pregnant women, children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old, people 65 year of age and older, and people who have certain medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease. Vaccinating pregnant woman helps protect them from flu illness and hospitalization, and also has been shown to help protect the baby from flu infection for several months after birth, before the baby can be vaccinated. Flu vaccination has also been associated with lower rates of some cardiac events, such as a heart attack, among people with heart disease, especially among those who had had a cardiac event in the 12 months prior to flu vaccination.

For those at high risk of serious flu complications, getting a flu vaccine is especially important. It's also important to get the vaccine if you care for anyone at high risk, including children younger than 6 months who are too young to get a flu vaccine.

Some children 6 months through 8 years of age will require two doses of flu vaccine for adequate protection from flu. Children in this age group who are getting vaccinated for the first time will need two doses of flu vaccine, spaced at least 28 days apart. Some children who have received flu vaccine previously also may need two doses. Your child's doctor or other health care professional can tell you if your child needs two doses.

So, next time you see a sign that says, "Get Your Flu Vaccine Here," stop in and get one, and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

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## Primetimers News

The PrimeTimers committee enjoyed their annual holiday luncheon at Cherry Street. 13 members were able to attend on November 20th. The next meeting is January 15th at the Knox Agri-Center at

12 pm. Lunch will be provided and 2019 programs will be set at that meeting. Please reserve your seat at 309.342.2036. The PrimeTimers invite all members 55+ to attend.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



### Cranberry Christmas Cake

#### Ingredients

3/4 cup (100 grams) whole wheat pastry flour  
3/4 cup (100 grams) almond meal/flour  
1 and 1/4 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
3/4 cup (50 grams) sliced almonds  
3/4 cup (150 grams) granulated sugar  
zest of one orange  
1 and 1/2 sticks (6 ounces) unsalted butter, softened  
1/2 teaspoon pure almond extract  
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
3 large eggs, room temperature, lightly whisked  
2 tablespoons whole or low-fat milk  
3/4 cup (70 grams) fresh cranberries, sliced in half  
powdered sugar, for dusting (optional)

#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees Fahrenheit with a rack in the center position. Generously grease an 8-inch cake pan (at least 2-inches deep) with baking spray or butter and line the bottom with a round of parchment paper, grease again, and set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together the whole wheat pastry flour, almond meal, baking powder, and salt. Reserve and set aside roughly one tablespoon of sliced almonds. Break the remaining almonds with your hands and stir them into the flour mixture.
3. In a stand mixer bowl, combine

the sugar and orange zest. Using your fingertips, rub the lemon zest into the granulated sugar until fragrant and moist. Add the softened butter, almond extract, and vanilla extract. Using the paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugar mixture over medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 to 4 minutes. Scrape down the bowl halfway through to ensure all the ingredients are incorporated evenly. Reduce the speed to medium and slowly add the eggs. Beat until incorporated (it may look slightly broken). Over low speed, slowly add the flour mixture in two additions, alternating with the milk. The batter will be relatively thick.

4. Using a large spatula, gently fold the fresh cranberries into the cake batter. Transfer the batter into the greased cake pan and smooth the top with a small offset spatula. Top with the remaining sliced almonds.

5. Bake for 55 minutes to 60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Allow the cake to cool in the pan on a wire rack for 10 to 15 minutes. Using a knife, run along the sides of the cake pan to release the sides of the cake and carefully invert onto a wire rack. Flip and allow the cake to cool right-side up. Serve lukewarm or at room temperature, dusted lightly with confectioner's sugar as desired.

*Notes: Any leftover cake can be wrapped well in plastic wrap and kept at room temperature for 2-3 days.*

Recipe from [www.abeautifulplate.com](http://www.abeautifulplate.com)

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