



# Bulletin

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## KCFB HOLDS ITS 101ST ANNUAL MEETING

After being postponed one week due to weather, nearly 100 members and guests of the Knox County Farm Bureau gathered at Cedar Creek Hall, in Galesburg for the 101st Annual Meeting of the Knox County Farm Bureau on Saturday, January 26th. The morning began with attendees bidding on over 35 silent auction items.

The business meeting began at 10:00 a.m. with introductions of guests and members of the Board of Directors and their spouses. Representative Norine Hammond and a staff member representing Representative Cheri Bustos were recognized and addressed the crowd.

The Governmental and Policy Task Force held a drawing for those who participated in ACTION Requests in 2018. The winner, Drew DeSutter received a Thrushwood Farms Gift Card of \$25.

Each year, a COUNTRY Financial Representative is recognized for Membership Recruiter of the Year. Recognition was given to Jason Lumberry this year as the top recruiter. Jason signed 42 new associate members and two voting members during 2018. We thank all the COUNTRY Financial Representatives, staff, and Agency Manager, Joe Youngman, for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Knox County Farm Bureau also recognized members who joined the organization 50 years ago. This year, there were nine members who joined in 1969; Mr. Leland Behnken, Mr. John Conner, Mr. Edward Hoben, Mr. Bernard Lipke, Mr. Roger McClure, Mr. Donald Moffitt and Mrs. Carolyn Moffitt, Mr. Rollie

Moore and Mrs. Fran Moore, Ms. Beulah Morris, Mr. Richard O'lon, Mr. Keith Olson, Mr. Harry Saunders, Ms. Mary Jean Weigand, Mr. Winn Wikoff and each received a certificate of appreciation and a commemorative gate sign.

Mr. Pat Hennenfent, President of the Knox Agri-Center presented the Meritorious Service to Agriculture Award. This year, the late Bruce Johnson was recognized for his outstanding contribution to the agricultural industry in Knox County. Accepting the award was Bruce's wife Andrea and Bruce's father Howard.

The 2018 annual meeting minutes and year end treasurer's reports were approved. President Grant Strom announced that no directors were retiring from the Board this year.

The Young Farmers Committee

held a county township fundraiser and in total earned \$225. The township which donated the most funds in the fundraiser was Knox. The money will be donated to area food banks in Knox County.

President Strom introduced Education & Outreach Task Force Chair, Becky King, who announced Carolyn Moffitt as the winner of the Farm Woman's Valentine Gift Card of \$40 to the Landmark.

KCFB Executive Assistant Hailey Weyhrich gave comments after her first year and KCFB President Grant Strom addressed the crowd with the President's report.

Colleen Callahan was the guest speaker and discussed her time on Governor JB Pritzker's Growing Our Agricultural Economy committee.

Following the business meeting, the live auction was conducted by

Luke Sullivan. Nearly \$3,300 was raised from the live and silent auction and the money will directly benefit the Ag in the Classroom program through the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation. Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased items. It was another successful year thanks to everyone who contributed to the great cause.

The morning concluded with a lunch buffet. Thank you to everyone in attendance at the meeting and who helped make the day a success.



Colleen Callahan was the keynote speaker at the 2019 KCFB Annual Meeting.



Don Moffitt & Rollie Moore were recognized for joining the Knox County Farm Bureau 50 years ago. Member Relations Chair Matt Hennenfent presented the certificates and gate signs.



Nearly 100 members and guests attended the 2019 KCFB Annual Meeting on a very cold and snowy January Saturday.

## 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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Danielle & Rick Allen  
Colleen Bednar  
Madison Corzatt  
Jessica DeCrane  
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Mitchel Waggoner

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's 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.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### February

- 6 On-The-Road Seminar, 1:30 PM, Macomb
- 6 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, Pizza Ranch
- 8 Ag Day for Kids, CSC
- 9 Cattlemen's Annual Mtg, 5:30 PM, Lake Storey Pavilion
- 9 YL Event, Sweet Peas, Geneseo
- 15 Applications Due: Intern & Scholars
- 19 PrimeTimers, 12 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 19 Gov. Affairs Leader Conf, Springfield
- 20 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, Pizza Ranch
- 21 KCFB Board Mtg, 7 PM, KAC
- 26 KAC Condo Mtg, 6:30 PM, KAC
- 26 KCFB Foundation Mtg, 7:30 PM, KAC

#### March

- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 14 Women in Ag Conference, Jumer's Hotel & Casino, Rock Island
- 21 KCFB Board Mtg, 7 PM, KAC



## WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE Conference

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Speakers

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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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## Agriculture hopes pain leads to long-term trade gain

On a recent winter night, my silent kids in the back seat reminded me of the bedtime car rides that rocked me to a light slumber as a child. With my childhood eyes closed, the car's sounds and motions acted as my GPS between Grandma's house and our rural abode.

As we neared home, the car drove smoothly down the stretch of state highway. My body shifted at the right turn onto the mile length of gravel road that led to our

house. The tires crackled over frozen rocks under that dark and quiet wintry sky. I could have ridden in that car all night, as cozy and carefree as a rainy Sunday morning in bed. I felt safe with Mom buckled into the passenger seat and Dad behind the wheel.

Today, we in agriculture sit in the back seat and rather hold tight, hoping that our government at the wheel steers us to new trade opportunities. Months ago, our country entered this ongoing trade war with China, our nation's top soybean customer and a big buyer of many other major farm commodities. Stifled trade has depressed crop values, especially for soybeans, to the necessity of government bailout funds. And the media believes that farmers, as a whole, don't seem angry enough at the Republican president.

Farmers have dealt with struggles beyond their control before. In a few weeks, we return to the fields, fingers-crossed that our industry will experience only short-term pain for long-term trade gain. We also feel pretty good that 2018 ended with a new Farm Bill, an improved clean water rule proposal, and two rounds of financial crop price support

from the market facilitation program.

We have voiced opinions, as one might expect from a backseat driver: End the trade war with China and expand global export opportunities. Meanwhile, the soybean planter undergoes updates and maintenance in our farm shop. We bought seed months ago. With crop rotations to honor and equipment intended to plant corn and soybeans, swapping out for another crop won't happen this season. We need export markets back.

The motion of the Chevrolet Celebrity of my childhood slowed before entering our farmhouse driveway. Disappointment rushed over me. I knew I must trudge through the cold air between the garage and house. Then, I would begrudgingly change into cold pajamas before warming my sheets to a cozy state in bed. In the grand scheme, the discomfort lasted only temporarily. We hope for the same in farm country.

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.



## Knox County AITC visits Chicago Students

Each year, Ag in the classroom coordinators have the opportunity to participate in an adopt a school program. Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom matches educators with classrooms from Chicago to bring the farm to the city. AITC coordinators plan a visit each winter and spring to the Chicago school, St. Symphorosa. Classroom visits help students learn about how agriculture impacts their daily lives. Classroom teachers in grades PreK through second grade were provided Ag Mags and selected books on agriculture to share with their students, courtesy of Ag in the Classroom.

This year, Mrs. Green visited a first and second grade classroom, while Ms. Aggie visited Kindergarten and Pre-K. Students were treated to a visit from a Knox County farmer, as several board members also traveled to St. Symphorosa. This year Nathan

Link, Matt Hennenfent and Lori Engel visited classrooms and talked to students.

Mrs. Green spent time in the first and second grade classrooms teaching about the Three Sisters: corn, beans and squash. First graders made tambourines using seeds as the noise makers. Students added field corn and popcorn, pinto beans and pumpkin seeds. They also colored a picture of the three plants growing as one.

Second graders also learned about the Three Sisters, but connected the growing of the plants to the teachings of the Native Americans. They learned about the story telling of Native Americans and created a picture using the three types of seeds.



## 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 2019 policy book. Interested in learning more about how our policy system works? It all starts with you! For more info contact the office!

### 8. EDUCATION

To ensure quality education for all Illinois children, we endorse the principles of accountability, adequacy, and equity and

will actively work to include these principles in any commission, task force, or legislative proposal.

Accountability is the efficient use of taxpayers' dollars to provide a comprehensive education to achieve goals with measurable outcomes.

It includes the size and structure of school districts, the operation/administration of school districts and performance of school districts in achieving desirable educational outcomes.

We support:

1. Seeking significant long-term solutions to

the problems of financing a quality education for all students through political, legislative, or judicial means.

2. Seeking full funding for general state aid and transportation funding to school districts.

3. Timely delivery of meaningful state incentives to support voluntary school consolidation and other forms of school district reorganization.

4. Teacher/staff professional development to improve teaching quality and to address challenges associated with the School Recognition Process.



Pre-K learned about trees and created a painted a Christmas tree using a fork! They also listened to a story about winter. Kindergarteners learned that each pizza ingredient is made possible by agriculture. Students then made their own paper pizza!

Mrs. Green and Ms. Aggie will visit St. Symphorosa again in the spring to share more information about agriculture.



## Thank You!

Thank you to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals who donated to the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation's silent and live auctions as well as those who mailed donations to the office. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated!

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## PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The January meeting was cancelled due to ice. The next meeting is February 19 at 12 pm at the Knox Agri-Center. Ellie Repp from Sharp Mountain Hops will provide a program on growing hops. Also, the 2019 programs will be set at that meeting. Lunch will be provided. Please reserve your seat at 309.342.2036. The PrimeTimers invite all members 55+ to attend.



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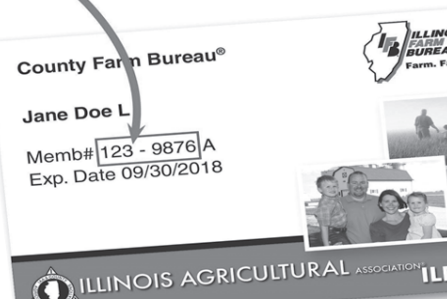
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## When Winter Covers Your Roof, Make Sure to Cover Your Home

A roof covered high in snow might provide the perfect backdrop for your holiday card photo or a soft landing pad for Santa and his sleigh.

But a serious risk to your home and family may be lurking beneath that beautiful bed of white.

Heavy snow and ice buildup can routinely cause roof collapses. Even partial collapses can cause extensive damage to the interior contents of a home or business. And you're not out of the storm when warmer weather begins to roll in. Rain on top of snow can significantly add to the weight on your roof, and poor drainage can mean interior flooding.

As little as 6 inches of snow packed on your roof could cause major damage to your home—and your wallet.

Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) research shows about \$1 of every \$5 paid for home and business property losses in recent years has stemmed from damage due to freezing weather, snow and water leaks.

With many areas of the country witnessing record snowfall and the wintry season lasting longer, the risk factors for roof and home damage could be snowballing.

The IBHS has some guidelines to help you determine the risk posed to your home and roof. First, the age and design of your roof are major factors:

- Light metal buildings typically have less capacity to handle a high snow load, so it's essential to keep all outbuildings clear as well as your home.
- For flat roofs, the step-down area between roof sections is a potential source of roof overload because of the tendency for ice and snow collection.

Fresh snow is two to four times lighter than old snow, so your roof could hold up to four feet of fresh snow safely. But new snow on top of old snow can multiply the risk of collapse. Ice mixed with snow is extremely heavy—just one inch of ice can weigh as much as 12 inches of fresh snow.

To be safe, consider hiring a licensed roof contractor to remove any snowfall over two feet.

To help reduce the risk of roof damage and flooding during the winter, take these preventative measures throughout the rest of the year:

- Clear roof valleys and gutters of debris in the fall.
- Caulk all cracks and openings in the foundation.
- Inspect downspouts. They should carry water at least five feet away from foundation walls.
- Ensure that the surrounding landscape is graded away from your home.
- If applicable, test sump pumps before the wet season. Install a battery backup system. If you do not have a sump pump in your basement, consider having a professional install a system with battery backup.

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## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on January 17, 2019.

#### Education & Outreach – Hailey Weyhrich

On March 12, the Ag Day Breakfast will be held with the Chamber of Commerce. IFB has awarded the event \$750 for the Consumer Engagement Grant.

#### Farm Business – Jarid Cain

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

The Spring Leaders to Washington will take place March 12-14. Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886.

#### Member Relations – Matt Hennenfent

The Knox County Farm Bureau History Video interviews are all available on DVD in the office for \$10.

#### Foundation – Hailey Weyhrich

The KCFB Foundation met on December 11 and approved their yearly budget.

#### PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich

The January PrimeTimers meeting was cancelled. The February 19th meeting will be the Program of Work planning meeting. Lunch will be catered.

#### Young Farmers – Jeff Grady

The Leadership Bootcamp was held on November 15 for area high school students. 12 students attended. The Young Farmers cover crop trial program Nutrient Stewardship Grant has been approved by Illinois Farm Bureau for \$5,000. The FFA Acquaintance Night is January 30th at Northgate Lanes.

#### KAC – Terry Boydston

The KAC Board met on December 11 and approved their yearly budget. Top projects this year will be sidewalk repair, new parking lot lights, and a security system for the building.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The decision will be made on Friday morning if the Annual Meeting should be rescheduled for the next weekend, January 26.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The extra money collected for the John Block plaque is to be used by the Knox County Farm Bureau. A possible project could be a replica of the plaque in Springfield with a list of Farm Bureau accomplishments specifically for the Knox Agri-Center.

## Congratulations, John!



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Bewley, Beau	P	P	P	King, Becky	P	A	P
Bohnert Yoder, Tara	P	P	A	Link, Jeff	P	P	P
Boydston, Terry	P	P	P	Link, Nathan	A	P	A
Cain, Jarid	P	P	P	O'Connor, Tom	P	P	P
DeSutter, Drew	A	P	P	Stevens, Monica	P	P	P
Engel, Lori	P	P	P	Strom, Grant	P	P	P
Erickson, David S	P	P	P	Swanson, Brett	P	P	P
Goedeke, Phil	P	P	P	Webel, Joe	A	P	P
Grady, Jeff	P	P	P	West, Todd	P	P	P
Hennenfent, Matt	A	A	P				





## Illinois Farm Bureau® Proposals Shape American Farm Bureau Federation Policy

NEW ORLEANS — Voting delegates at the 100TH annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), including 21 delegates from Illinois addressed Illinois Farm Bureau's (IFB) priority issues, including submittals on trade, transportation, legal advocacy and Health Savings Account (HSA) reform.

"Our delegates were instrumental in promoting and debating several key policy resolutions to promote and protect the interests of Illinois Farm Bureau members," said Richard Guebert, Jr., President, IFB.

On Monday morning, President Guebert joined AFBF President Zippy Duvall and other executive committee members in a breakfast with Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue. A discussion was held with the Secretary that focused on ways to mitigate the effects of the government shutdown on farmers. As a result of that discussion a Sense of the Delegate Body resolution was introduced and approved at the closing of the delegate session. The resolution focused on urging the administration and Congress to work earnestly and cooperatively to reopen the government as soon as possible.

### Policy Debate

"We wanted to reaffirm our organization's longstanding trade policy. Delegates approved policy urging trade disputes to be resolved through negotiations – using tariffs or withdrawals from trade agreements as a last resort," Guebert said.

Delegates approved language to support

Health Savings Account (HSA) reform including the following pieces: repeals caps on the annual maximum contribution, eliminates the high deductible health plan mandate from HSA eligibility requirements, allows HSA funds to be used for health insurance premiums and lifts restrictions placed on the use of HSA funds for over-the-counter medicines.

"We were also were successful of the new policy opposing the creation of a federal vehicle mileage tax (VMT) which would tax motorists based upon the number of miles driven," said Guebert.

Delegates also approved Illinois' policy submittal pertaining to the safety of farmers. This particular policy addressed efforts to enhance the 8-1-1 internet-based location service to accommodate whole field utility location services, using whole boundaries.

And finally, Illinois delegates called on the AFBF Board of Directors to develop a national legal advocacy strategy that actively addresses legal or regulatory actions taken by governments, groups, or third parties that impact our members' private property rights and production agriculture.

### U.S. President Returns to Convention

On Monday, President Donald Trump spoke to a full house of convention attendees. He kept his promise to return to the convention after last year's appearance in Nashville and was welcomed on stage by AFBF President Sonny Duvall and Secretary of Agriculture

## Hailey's Manager Update

I know a good majority of people here in Knox County love snow.... That is just not something that I have taken to yet. I have accepted that most of you drink regular iced tea here and not sweet. I know that pop is the term for beverages and not soda and that Rio is not pronounced the same as Rio de Janeiro, where I studied abroad during college. But I just cannot get on board with all the snow. Despite the snow and not so great conditions, I am so thankful that about 100 of you joined us for the rescheduled Annual Meeting date on January 26th. We were pleasantly surprised with the amount of people that attended! The Annual

Meeting is a time for the Board of Directors and myself to show you all what we have accomplished in the past year. The Viewpoint Surveys that were collected will help us guide the programs and events for 2019. With multiple issues and concerns affecting our members, we want to make sure we, as the Farm Bureau, can provide all the help and resources possible!



Sonny Perdue.

"President Trump returning to the AFBF convention reflects his interest in farming, and also what rural voters mean to him," said Guebert. "The fact a sitting U.S. President addressed our members two years in a row shows Farm Bureau's impact as an organization. The President called attention to passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, regulatory reform such as the Clean Water Rule proposal, and tax reform."

"He wants to get USMCA passed and wants an agreement with China to help farmers in the long run," said Guebert.

Guebert was re-elected for a two year term on the AFBF board representing the Midwest region.

### Recognition for IFB

IFB Young Leaders had a strong showing as Andrew and Heather Spray of Edwards County advanced to the top 10 finalists in the Young Farmer and Rancher Excellence in Agriculture competition, and Megan Dwyer of Henry County advanced to the Sweet 16 in the Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet. Justin and Ellen Rahn of Carroll County competed in the Young Leader Excellence in Agriculture Award.

"Our Young Leaders are thriving in the Illinois Farm Bureau, and they're the future of our organization," Guebert said. "I'm so proud of all they've accomplished here at AFBF, and I am energized by what they will do for this organization in the future."

Illinois Farm Bureau received a New Horizon Award for their collaborative work on the Illinois Livestock Report. The New Horizon

Award honors states with the most innovative new programs, and IFB received Excellence awards for Advocacy, Engagement and Outreach, Leadership and Business Development, and Membership Value.

Earlier in the day, American Farm Bureau Foundation awarded IFB with one of six Scholar Awards given to states with the highest total donations to the Foundation within their membership group.

### Illinois county projects receive acclaim

Three different projects implemented by county Farm Bureaus in Illinois received County Activities of Excellence Awards at the convention. Knox County Farm Bureau's Sounds of Summer program, Winnebago-Boone's Making Sense of Food Labels program and a regional television commercial campaign organized by county Farm Bureaus in Scott, Pike, Adams and Hancock counties were among 24 projects recognized from counties across the country.

More than 6,000 people from 50 states and Puerto Rico attended the convention, including 352 farmer and rancher delegates who voted on grassroots policies and policy amendments.

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 more than 396,000 and a voting membership of more than 78,000. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.



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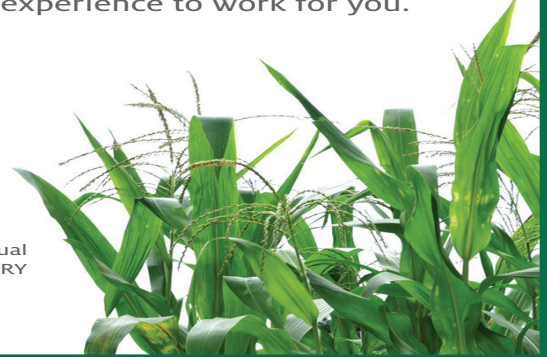
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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## 5 Ways To Go Red For Heart Health Month

Only 1 in 5 American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat. What was traditionally known as an older man's disease has become the number one killer of women. To help bring public awareness to the disease, the American Heart Association launched Go Red for Women, a passionate social initiative designed to empower women to take care of their heart health. Below are 5 ways to Go Red in February!

### 1. Participate in National Wear Red Day/Heart Health Month

Feb. 1, 2019 marked the organization's 16th anniversary to bring awareness to women's heart health. Participate by wearing red during the month of February to increase women's heart health awareness and. Some women will take it a step further by committing to schedule a Well-Woman Visit, or a prevention checkup to review blood pressure, check cholesterol and look for signs of heart disease, stroke and other illness.

### 2. Create a Meal Plan with Heart-Healthy Recipes

Healthy eating is another important way to lower the risk for heart disease in women. To get the most benefits for your heart, you should eat more fruits, vegetables, and foods with whole grains and healthy proteins. You should also eat less food with added sugar, calories, and unhealthy fats.

### 3. Exercising Daily Lowers the Risk of Heart Disease in Women

90% of women have one or more risk factors for heart disease or stroke. Along with making smart nutritional choices, exercise is vital to staying healthy. Getting fit and boosting your heart health doesn't have to involve spending hours at the gym.

**Start with activities you love** – be it walking, jogging, cleaning the house, or even dancing.

**Ten minutes of walking three times a day** has been shown to lower blood pressure more effectively than a 30-minute walk. Something simple as walking before, over lunch, and after dinner is a great way to exercise – no gym required.

**Cardio isn't the only way to heart-health.** Strength training such as lifting weights, pushups and lunges can improve your health, too. Lifting weights at a moderate intensity can increase your heart rate, which means you're working both your muscular and cardiovascular system.

### 4. Give Your Heart a Rest and Learn to Manage Your Stress

You didn't get your project done, you're stuck in traffic, and you're late for an appointment. Your breath quickens, your heart races, and

your muscles tense. Sound familiar? There's no questions that stress can cause real physiological effects on the body, including the heart. But there are ways to manage stress and help your heart.

**Meditate.** This practice of focused thought and deep breathing has been shown to reduce heart disease risk factors such as high blood pressure. Just take a few minutes to sit somewhere quiet, close your eyes, and focus on your breathing.

**Unplug.** It's impossible to escape stress when it follows you everywhere. Cut the cord by avoiding emails and TV news. Set your smartphone down for just 10 to 15 minutes – it can make a world of a difference.

**Stay positive.** Try some positive thinking which can have many health benefits such as increased life span, lower rates of depression, lower levels of distress and reduced health risks.

**Find your own path to stress relief.** Read a book, listen to music, and take a nature walk. Any technique is effective if it works for you.

### Know the Signs

Symptoms of a heart attack are different for women than for men. Most of us associate a heart attack with a dramatic clutching of the chest. For women, it doesn't typically happen like that, and this lack of awareness can be nearly as deadly as the heart attack itself. Time is critical to lessening the damaging aftereffects of a heart attack. See a doctor immediately if you:

**Feel uncomfortable pressure, fullness, or pain in the center of your chest.** This is often mistaken for heartburn. If it lasts for more than a few minutes, or comes and goes, it may be a symptom of something more serious.

**Nausea, breaking into a cold sweat, or lightheadedness.** Flu-like symptoms are often reported in the days or weeks before an attack.

### 5. Get Involved and #GoRed

Red might not be your favorite color, but there are countless reasons to wear it in February. Get involved, make a difference in your life, and bring awareness to heart disease in women.

Another way to have a healthy heart is by keeping healthy levels of cholesterol in your body. The Knox County Health Department offers cholesterol screenings by appointment only. This screening includes: blood pressure, blood sugar, and complete cholesterol check. For more information about cardiovascular disease or cholesterol, call the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224. Your heart will love you for it!

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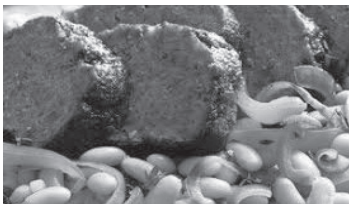


John Ryner

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



### Balsamic-Glazed Lamb Meat Loaf

#### Ingredients

2 slices white sandwich bread, torn into small pieces  
 1 pound ground lamb  
 1 large egg  
 4 cloves garlic, chopped  
 2 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves  
 kosher salt and black pepper  
 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 1 small red bell pepper, thinly sliced  
 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced  
 2 15.5-ounce cans cannellini beans, rinsed  
 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

#### Preparation

Step 1  
 Heat oven to 400° F. In a large bowl, combine the bread and 3 tablespoons water. Add the lamb, egg, half the garlic,

half the thyme, ¾ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper.

#### Step 2

Place the mixture on a foil-lined baking sheet and shape into a 6-inch loaf (about 3 inches thick). Bake, brushing with the balsamic vinegar several times during cooking, until a thermometer inserted in the center registers 150° F, 30 to 35 minutes. Let rest at least 5 minutes before slicing.

#### Step 3

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the bell pepper, onion, and the remaining garlic and thyme and cook, tossing occasionally, until the vegetables begin to soften, 4 to 5 minutes. Add the beans, ½ teaspoon salt, and ¼ teaspoon pepper and cook until heated through, 2 to 3 minutes; stir in the lemon juice. Serve with the meat loaf.

Taken from [www.realsimple.com](http://www.realsimple.com)

If you would like to submit a family-favorite recipe, please provide the recipe with a picture to the KCFB office.

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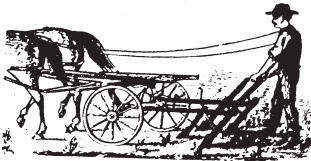
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# Looking Back



#### TAKEN FROM THE FEBRUARY 1969 BULLETIN

Dale E. Schaefer stated in his keynote speech "Don't wait until you feel you can afford the time to be a leader. You may be the best farmer in your community, but if you wait until you are 45 or 50 before you become involved in community or organization affairs, you cannot give the type of leadership that will be demanded."

#### TAKEN FROM THE FEBRARY 1979 BULLETIN

At the regular February board meeting of the Knox County Farm Bureau, directors elected officers for the 1979 year. Officers are as follows: President-Maurice DeSutter, Jr., Woodhull. Vice-President-Richard Holmes, Altona. Secretary-Michael Gehring, Galesburg. Treasurer-Gary Lincoln, Galesburg. We would like to officially welcome four new directors to our board: Larry Carlson, Barry Brown, Russell Josephson, Keith King.

#### TAKEN FROM THE FEBRUARY 1989 BULLETIN

Over 175 people attended the 71st annual meeting of the Knox County Farm Bureau held Saturday, January 21, 1989, at the Kensington Ballroom in Galesburg, Illinois. Those who attended the meeting dined on a delicious catered meal which was prepared by Thrushwood Farms of Galesburg. Upon completion of the meal, the business meeting of the Knox county Farm Bureau took place.

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