

# Bulletin

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

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## ARE YOU PREPARED?

Join the Knox County Farm Bureau, in cooperation with the Knox County Health Department and the Knox County Medical Reserve Corps for free emergency preparedness trainings! All Farm Bureau members and their families are welcome to attend the series of discussion on how to become better prepared for emergencies. Speakers will include Emergency Response Staff from the Knox County Health

Department and members of the Knox County Community specifically training in emergency preparation. Each of the meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. and last approximately 1 hour in the Knox Agri Center's meeting room. All meetings are free of charge to anyone wishing to attend, but space will be limited to 30 participants per session. Pre-registration is requested. All who attend,

will qualify for a FREE First Aid Certification and a FREE CPR Class. Attendance at a session is required to be registered for the First Aid Certification and the CPR Class. **Mark your calendars:**  
**January 10** – Rural Preparedness  
**January 18** – What is the Knox County Medical Reserve Corps? & What is a Disaster?  
**January 24** – Family Preparedness

Additional sessions may be available upon request. Each session is offered at 4:00 p.m. in the Knox Agri Center Meeting room, 180 S. Soangetaha Road in Galesburg. To RSVP, please call the Knox County Farm Bureau at 309-342-2036. All ages are welcome to attend, and remember, each attendee will be eligible to participate in a FREE First Aid Certification and a FREE CPR Class.

### Ladies Night Out

Ladies, join the KCFB Women's Committee for a wine glass painting party on Tuesday, January 17th at Fat Fish Pub beginning at 6:30 pm. The fee is \$20 per person which includes

your wine glass, instruction, and all needed supplies. Please RSVP for the Ladies Night Out by calling the KCFB office at 309.342.2036 or emailing [knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org](mailto:knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org).

### Preparing to Meet Your Lender

Nate Edlefson of Farm Business Farm Management Association will present a program titled "Preparing to Meet with Your Lender". Dinner starts at 6:00 pm and the program will follow at

the Knox Agri-Center on Tuesday, January 31st. Please reserve your seat in the events section of [www.knoxcfb.org](http://www.knoxcfb.org) or call the KCFB office at 309.342.2036.

### Welcome New Members

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

Travis Bantz  
Kristiana Cantrell  
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Sandra & David Farrow  
David Hauslein  
James D Shea Branch Letter Carriers  
Samantha & Alex Kreig  
Katie Kreig  
Levi Little  
Kirk Mustain  
Vicki Palmer  
Merangelis & Jacob Strong  
Dave Theobald

### Estate Planning Seminar

Join the Knox County Farm Bureau and COUNTRY Financial for a presentation on Estate Planning by Rick Morgan, Senior Financial Security Consultant, COUNTRY Financial. Join us for lunch at noon on Thursday, January 19th, 2017 in the Knox Agri Center, 180 S. Soangetaha Road, Galesburg, IL, with the Estate Planning Seminar to follow. This program is free for Farm Bureau

Members, and non-members are welcome to join as well for a fee of \$10 per person. To reserve your seat, visit the events tab at [www.knoxcfb.org](http://www.knoxcfb.org), or you may call the KCFB Office at 309.342.2036 or via email at [knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org](mailto:knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org). Rick Morgan of Champaign, serves as a Senior Financial Security Consultant for COUNTRY Financial. Rick stated "Estate conservation is more than just tax

planning. It involves maximizing your assets during your lifetime and minimizing the problems and expenses associated with transferring assets. Farm estate planning also considers how to effectively leave the farm so the next generation may continue to operate it." He has more than 35 years of experience as a trust officer and has been involved in estate, retirement,

business, farm continuation and personal financial planning. Morgan received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, Urbana, and his juris doctor degree from Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. Morgan grew up on a family farm in Central Illinois with five sisters and four brothers. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children and five grandchildren.

**KNOX COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION**

**60th Annual Meeting**  
**Friday, January 27, 2017**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Lake Storey Pavilion**

**KNOX COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, February 11, 2017**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Lake Storey Pavilion**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**January**

6 Knox Ag Roundtable Meeting, 12PM, KAC  
6-10 AFBF Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ  
10 Rural Preparedness Training, 4PM, KAC  
13 Ag Day for Kids (4th Graders), Carl Sandburg College  
17 FFA Acquaintance Night, 6 PM, Northgate Lanes  
17 Ladies Night Out Wine Glass Painting Party & WC Elections, 6:30 PM, Fat Fish Pub  
18 Preparedness 101 Training, 4 PM, KAC  
19 Estate Planning, Rick Morgan, COUNTRY Financial, Noon – Lunch Provided  
19 KCFB Board, 7 PM Meeting, KAC  
21 KCFB Annual Meeting, 9:30 AM, Lake Storey Pavilion  
24 Family Preparedness Training, 4 PM, KAC  
26 Business After Hours, 5 PM, 156 East – Co-Sponsored by COUNTRY Financial  
27-28 Young Leader Conference, Embassy Suites East Peoria  
31 Preparing to Meet with your Lender, Nate Edlefson, FBFM, 6 PM – Dinner Provided

**February**

14 Applications for Scholarships & Internship Due, KCFB Office

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**Thursday, February 2, 2017**  
**Knox Agri-Center, 180 S Soangetaha Rd Galesburg, IL**  
**6:00pm Dinner/Meeting to Follow**

**Speaker: Doug Yoder**  
COUNTRY Financial Crop Manager  
Topic: 2017 Safety Net Updates

**Mike Dixon**  
COUNTRY Financial Crop Specialist

**Caitlin Chrzanowski**  
Knox County Farm Bureau Manager  
RSVP: 309-342-2036 |

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**Thank You**  
**KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU**



### **Farm Gate** *by Joanie Stiers*

#### **Embrace and require agricultural education**

I suspect that the school bus load of students always watched the drop-off at our driveway, just in case my kids successfully tackled me. Up until the gentler hugs of this school year, my kids initiated a full-bore sprint and embrace from the bus. To control their momentum, I hooked them under the arms and spun them with feet suspended. Occasionally, I would just turn and run from them to initiate a chorus of giggles.

I thank my husband for the opportunity to get our kids off the bus every day and thanked our school's agriculture teacher for the conversations that followed the recent bus drops. Nearly every day of the second quarter, our fifth grader

came home retelling her agriculture lesson without prompt. She told me about the characteristics of corn and differences in field corn, sweet corn and popcorn. She cracked open an egg to identify its parts, including the chalaza, air cell and germinal disc not referenced in recipes. She talked about free-range and conventional caged chickens. We watched videos on beekeeping and more than once listened to inspirational speakers from the National FFA Convention on YouTube.

At the end of each week's lesson, the teacher introduced a food item related to the unit, such as hand-made ice cream for dairy and honeycomb for beekeeping. My daughter found a new favorite apple variety during their apple unit. The class even made pumpkin pie in a cup in honor of their lessons on Illinois' pumpkin production. The teacher successfully reached their brains through their stomachs, and appropriately so. What better way to impress agriculture's impact on their lives than through food.

People cannot live a day without agriculture, yet most students can spend their educational career with no mandate to learn about the industry

that feeds them, provides their clothes and partially fuels their cars. Every high school should require students to take agriculture coursework, which teaches about the food, fiber and fuel industry that impacts their daily lives. Schools should more widely embrace the subject area to teach math and science concepts through an agriculture lens. They should mandate agriculture coursework to prepare educated consumers, similar to required consumer education courses. Along the way, students learn about the industry's career opportunities, which extend far beyond farming. And FFA offers the chance to apply classroom agriculture lessons to develop life and leadership skills, spur personal growth and foster career success, whether in an agricultural field or not.

Agriculture ranks as our daughter's favorite subject in school. Thankfully, she intends to choose agriculture coursework along her path to high school graduation and adulthood. If only our collective education system would run and embrace agricultural education, as our 11-year-old has.  
*About the author: Joanie Stiers' life revolves around family and farming in West-Central Illinois.*

## **Ag in the Classroom Update – Roxanne Green**

December brought trees into the classrooms of first and second graders in Knox County. All students had an up close and personal experience with deciduous and evergreen (coniferous) trees.

Students in first grade learned about the bark and heartwood of trees. They were able to handle tree 'cookies' and examine their bark and rings. Students learned that a birthday for a tree creates an annual ring. Lots of counting of the rings on the sample wood made the lesson a success.



Students also handled cones, large and small, and smelled the conifer tree samples brought to class. After reading a book called NIGHT TREE, students created their own tree from ice cream cones. In the story, a family decorates a tree in the forest. The decorations are fruits and popcorn chains. After a discussion about how the pioneers decorated their trees with popcorn chains because they had no ornaments, a student innocently asked, "But if there were no microwaves, how was the popcorn popped?" If only we could pop corn the old fashioned way for the kids!!

Second grade students expanded their vocabulary by adding the words phloem and xylem to their science language. Using a website called Dr. Arbor, students learned that phloem moves food around the tree, and xylem moves the water. While students understood trees made oxygen, or according to them—air, they were allowed to handle four different samples of

coniferous trees to examine their leaves (needles). Students learned that the leaves on a deciduous tree have the similar function of producing food through the process

called photosynthesis. Students also learned that the annual rings can tell a story about the tree. Fatter rings suggest a lot of growth occurred that year. This might have happened because of a rainy season. After examining pine cones and learning about where the seeds are located, students made a free standing life cycle of a coniferous tree.



## **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 2016 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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2. We oppose all legislation that attempts to make any commercially caught fish a gamefish only or to make the sale of such fish illegal.

## **KCFB Foundation Internship and Scholarships**

### **KCFB Foundation Summer Internship**

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering an internship with the Knox County Farm Bureau for the summer of 2017. 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 25th 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 2017 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 14, 2017.

### **KCFB Foundation \$500 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 2017 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 first 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 14, 2017.

### **Thomas Lincoln \$500 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 \$500 scholarship will be given in the spring of 2017 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 2017.

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 14, 2017.



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## Use Caution This Winter When Using Space Heaters

With home heating costs on the rise this winter, many people are turning to alternate heating sources to keep costs down. If you plan to use space heaters this winter, use extreme caution.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), portable and fixed space heaters caused a disproportionate share of home heating fire deaths in 2007. Space heaters were involved in 32 percent of home heating fires, but 79 percent of the deaths. In addition, heating equipment was responsible for \$608 million in property damage.

### How To Choose The Right Space Heater

- Select a space heater with a guard around the flame area or heating element to protect children and clothing.
- Choose a heater that has been certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Buy a heater that is the correct size for the area you want to heat. The wrong size heater could produce more

pollutants and may not be an efficient use of energy.

- Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions, and make sure all members of the household understand how to operate the heater safely.
- Make sure the heater has an automatic "tip-switch," a cutoff device that turns off electric or kerosene heaters if they tip over.

### How To Prevent Space Heater Fires

- Place the heater on a level, hard, noncombustible surface.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet from bedding, drapes, furniture or other combustible items.
- Turn off the space heater when you leave the area, and never leave a space heater on while sleeping or if you leave home.
- Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
- Do not use older space heaters or heaters with cords that are cracked or frayed.
- When used correctly, space heaters can make a cold room comfortable and can help curb heating costs during

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the winter months. By following a few precautionary measures when using

space heaters, you can ensure your family's safety and warmth.

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, December 15, 2016

#### WOMEN'S COMMITTEE Lori Engel

The women's committee donated a gift basket of children's farm toys to the discovery depot's festival of trees fundraiser.

The women's committee holiday party will be a wine glass painting party at Fat Fish Pub on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m. Elections will be taking place that evening as well.

#### YOUNG FARMERS Tara Bohnert-Yoder

A leadership training will be available for all high school Ag Classes to schedule.

The Young Farmers have challenged the board of directors to a Hunger Wars food drive until the Holiday Party on December 15th. Please drop off non-perishable food items or money. The winning group will decide where the food will be donated.

The FFA Acquaintance Night has been scheduled for January 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Northgate Lanes. West Central FS will be joining to explain opportunities available for FFA members.

The Young Leader Conference is Jan. 27-28, 2017 in East Peoria.

#### MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE Brett Swanson

The Member Relations Task Force will provide a complimentary membership to all Knox County FFA members that receive the DeKalb Award.

IFB 2017 Quotas: Voting MIGS + 1 M Member; Total MIGS + 1%

2016: Aug. 31, 2016 – Voting Members: 856; Total Members: 2,753

NEED: Voting Members by Aug. 31, 2017 – 857; Total Members by Aug. 31, 2017 – 2,781

#### GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE Jim DeSutter

Thank you to those that have been actively

participating in action requests! Your names have been placed into a drawing for each participation. The prize has not yet been determined.

#### FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE Todd West

2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are available.

Join the TF for an estate planning seminar on Jan. 19, 2016 at noon to hear Rick Morgan from COUNTRY Financial. Meal included, RSVP required.

Join the TF for the workshop "Preparing to Meet with your Lender" on January 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to hear from Nate Edlefson, BFBM. Dinner included, RSVP required.

An article will be published in the January Bulletin that lists all of the places to recycle farm products locally.

On January 26th, the Knox County Farm Bureau & COUNTRY Financial will host a business after hours through the Chamber of Commerce at 156 East.

#### EDUCATION Lori Engel

A meeting is being scheduled with W-H CFB Manager & President to address the Knox, Warren-Henderson Farm Families Group to discuss future projects.

A budget is being created to provide transportation for all 4th grade classrooms to attend Ag Day for Kids.

#### PRIMETIMERS Caitlin Chrzanowski

The PrimeTimers are hosted the holiday meeting at Cherry Street on Tuesday, November 15th.

The PrimeTimers will meet on December 17th for lunch at the KAC to plan the POW.

#### FOUNDATION Caitlin Chrzanowski

The Foundation will be conducting the annual direct-mailing fundraiser in early December.

The Foundation has added an additional \$500 scholarship for current collegiate students.

The Foundation is looking into hosting a specialty, one-club golf outing fundraiser.

#### AGRI CENTER Terry Boydston

An efficiency audit conducted by the IFB, Ameren, and Ruyle Mechanical Services took place on July 13th and energy suggestions will be provided to the KAC Board.

Door handles are in the works.

The KAC is discussing building renovations.

#### ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES Lori Engel

Like the Knox Warren-Henderson Illinois Farm Families page on Facebook! Send farming pictures to Tara Yoder to use with educational posts.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Knox County Farm Bureau received 11 Gold Stars, 3 Silver Stars, the President's Award, and Liberty Bell Award at the 2016 County Awards Ceremony at the IAA Annual Meeting.

The KCFB Annual Meeting is January 21, 2017 and Ray Defenbaugh is the guest speaker. KCFB is accepting silent and live auction items.

At the IAA Annual Meeting, the Professional Membership (PM) was approved for non-farming members who earn agricultural income.

David Serven was reelected to the IAA Board of Directors.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The 12/1/16-11/30/17 budget was reviewed and accepted.

The Young Leader Conference is January 2-28, 2017 at East Peoria Embassy Suites. The KCFB will pay the registration fee for each Young Farmer that attends.

IAA staff will conduct a long-term planning

session on January 30, 2017. Lunch will be served at noon and the session will follow 1 pm – 4 pm.

IFB released the 2017 incentive programs for CFB Quota, Manager Quota, and Volunteer Quota.

Todd West attended the Health Department meeting and discussion arose regarding Mark Rudolph, CEO of KCCDD, asking the County Board in August for a small increase in the Knox County property tax assessment through a referendum on the April 2017 ballot. Caitlin will contact Mark Rudolph asking him to speak at an upcoming board meeting before the election in April.

## Board Meeting Attendance

NAME	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Bewley, Beau	P	P	P
Boydston, Terry	P	P	P
Cain, Jarid	A	P	P
DeSutter, Jim	P	P	P
Engel, Lori	P	P	P
Erickson, David S	A	P	P
Goedeke, Phil	P	P	P
Hennenfent, Matt	A	P	P
Hoben, Tom	A	P	P
King, Becky	A	P	P
Link, Jeff	P	P	P
Link, Nathan	P	P	P
Main, Tim	P	P	P
O'Connor, Tom	P	P	P
Serven, Sam	A	P	P
Seiboldt, Pat	P	P	P
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P
Strom, Grant	P	P	P
Swanson, Brett	A	P	P
Webel, Joe	A	P	P
West, Todd	P	P	A
Bohnert-Yoder, Tara	P	P	-
- YF Meeting same time as Board Meeting			



## Moffitt, Sullivan Awarded Illinois Farm Bureau's Highest Honor

CHICAGO — Illinois State Representative Don Moffitt and Illinois State Senator John Sullivan have been named the recipients of the 2016 Illinois Farm Bureau Charles B. Schuman Distinguished Service Award. The award, the highest given by IFB, was presented during the organization's annual meeting in Chicago Dec. 3-6.

Representative of Illinois' 74th district, Don Moffitt has championed agriculture and promoted the needs of Illinois farmers in the Illinois General Assembly for 23 years. Rep. Moffitt worked tirelessly to draft and pass the Illinois Livestock Management Facilities Act, which provided for environmental safeguards that met consumers' concerns while also setting building standards for livestock facilities which allowed farmers to continue operate successfully.

Rep. Moffitt also has served as the Republican spokesperson for both the Police and Fire and the Counties and Townships Committees. He has served on the Agriculture and Conservation

Committee, Elementary and Secondary Education Committee, and Veterans' Affairs Committee, among others.

Prior to serving in the Illinois House of Representatives, Rep. Moffitt served as the Knox County Treasurer, Knox County Board Chairman, Knoxville alderman, and Mayor of the City of Oneida.

Outside of his legislative responsibilities, Rep. Moffitt is an active member of the Carver Community Action Agency, Galesburg Lions Club, and the Knox County Farm Bureau.

Rep. Moffitt has received numerous awards and honors, including Legislator of the Year from the Illinois EMS Alliance; Legislator of the Year from the Illinois Public Safety Alliance; Friend of Agriculture Award from IFB ACTIVATOR; Legislator of the Year from the Illinois Association for Fire Protection Districts; and Legislator of the Year from the Illinois Optometric Association.

Rep. Moffitt Received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture education and economics from the University of Illinois. He and

his wife, Carolyn, have three grown children.

Illinois State Senator John Sullivan, who has represented the 47th state senate district since 2002, was awarded the IFB Charles B. Shuman Distinguished Service Award for his continuous advocacy for agriculture and efforts to draft and pass agricultural legislation at the Illinois State Capitol.

While serving as the Chairman of the Agriculture and Conservation Committee, Sen. Sullivan served as a key negotiator of successful appropriation of state monies for agricultural programs. He also used his influence to ensure successful passage of the state sales tax exemption to benefit Illinois farmers.

Outside of the Senate, Sen. Sullivan also took active roles working with Illinois Farm Bureau's Adopt-A-Legislator program and the IAA Foundation, serving as the auctioneer during the Foundation's live auction fundraiser at the IFB Annual Meeting.

Prior to serving in the Illinois Senate, Sen. Sullivan earned his real estate license and served as a loan officer for Production Credit Association and as a farm manager and loan officer for the Rushville State Bank. He



is still active in his family's auction business, Sullivan Auctioneers, LLC, and manages his own farm in Schuyler County.

Sen. Sullivan has been recognized often for his dedication to agriculture and his work as an Illinois Senator, receiving the Friend of Agriculture award from IFB ACTIVATOR; the 2007 Paul Simon Legislative Award from the Illinois Coalition for Community Service; the 2006 Acorn Award from the Nature Conservancy; and has received multiple Friend of Agriculture and

Legislator of the Year awards from the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, Illinois Pork Producers Association, and the Illinois Soybean Association.

Sen. Sullivan and his wife, Joan, have four children, Matthew, Emily, Luke and Mark.

The IFB's Distinguished Service Award honors the memory and service of Charles Shuman, a revered Moultrie County farm leader who served as president of both IFB and of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

## Knox County Farm Bureau Recognized at IFB Annual Meeting

CHICAGO — The Knox County Farm Bureau was recognized for its achievements during the 102nd annual meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau held in Chicago December 3-7, 2016.

A member of IFB, Knox County received the following program awards:

### Gold

Membership Quota  
Ag Literacy  
Commodities & Marketing  
Legislative/Political Process  
Local Affairs  
Communication & Promotion  
Member Relations  
Policy Development

### Silver

Health & Safety

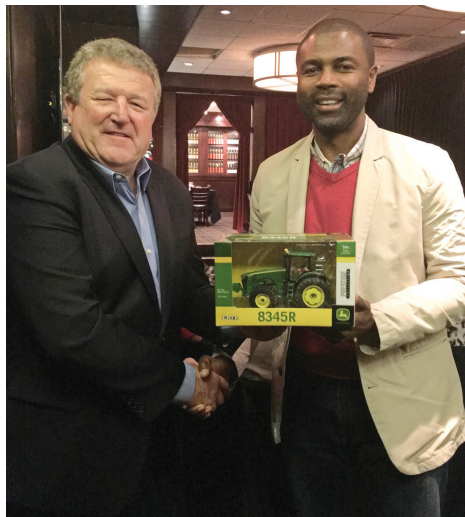
County Farm Bureaus in Ill are those with 2,051-2,955 members.

As part of its Annual Meeting, Illinois Farm Bureau presents program and committee awards in recognition of outstanding county Farm Bureau volunteer efforts throughout the year.

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 controlled by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB represents two out of three Illinois farmers.



Knox County Farm Bureau President Grant Strom accepts a recognition plaque awarded to the Bureau for its achievements during 2016. The award was presented during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and calls attention to the comprehensive nature of county Farm Bureau programs.



Knox County Farm Bureau Vice President Terry Boydston presents State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, KCFB's Adopted Legislator, with the Friend of Agriculture Award.

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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## Veterinarian's Recommendations For Emergency Preparedness of Livestock Operations

1. Make a disaster plan to protect your property, your facilities, and your animals. Create a list of emergency telephone numbers, including those of your employees, neighbors, veterinarian, state veterinarian, poison control, local animal shelter, animal care and control, county extension service, local agricultural schools, resources for use of trailers and local volunteers.
2. Have a supply of emergency medical supplies including pain meds and first aid equipment for your animals. When disaster strikes these items may be in high demand or be difficult for you to get to.
3. Include a contact person outside the disaster area. Make sure all this information is written down and that everyone has a copy.
4. Make sure every animal has durable and visible permanent individual identification.
5. Make and maintain a list of all animals that are on site.
6. Document when and where your feed and livestock came from.
7. Use only native and deep-rooted plants and trees in landscaping (non-native plants are less durable and hardy in your climate and may become dislodged by high winds or broken by ice and snow).
8. Remove all barbed wire, and consider rerouting permanent fencing so that animals may move to high ground in a flood and to low-lying areas during high winds.
9. Install a hand pump and obtain

enough large containers to water your animals for at least a week (municipal water supplies and wells are often contaminated during a disaster).

10. Identify alternate water and power sources. A generator with a safely stored supply of fuel may be essential, especially if you have electrical equipment necessary to the well being of your animals.

11. Secure or remove anything that could become blowing debris; make a habit of securing trailers, propane tanks, and other large objects. If you have boats, feed troughs, or other large containers, fill them with water before any high wind event. This prevents them from blowing around and also gives you an additional supply of water.

12. If you use heat lamps or other electrical machinery, make sure the wiring is safe and that any heat source is clear of flammable debris.

13. Label hazardous materials and place them all in the same safe area. Provide local fire and rescue and emergency management authorities with information about the location of any hazardous materials on your property.

14. Remove old buried trash—a potential source of hazardous materials during flooding that may leech into crops, feed supplies, water sources, and pasture.

15. Review and update your disaster plan, supplies, and information regularly.

This list adapted from and expounded upon from the Humane Society of the United States.

### and the surveys showed!!

Remember those surveys you filled out in June? They have helped us here at the Farm Bureau, KCHD and the KC MRC form some informational sessions, free to everyone, teaching ways to become even BETTER prepared for emergencies and/or disasters that occur.

### Here is some of what was revealed about our Knox County Farm Bureau friends and neighbors...

Nearly 23% of the surveys were returned-WOW! That's great!

Half of those who responded to the survey questions are over 65, answered 70% of the questions we asked, own at least one pet and believe that there is a more than likely chance of a disaster that could occur near where they live that would cause significant damages to the area.

75 % believe they know the types of manmade or natural dangers that could or have occurred locally to cause those disasters and are working to beef up their Readiness Kits!! Way to go!

Around 67% of respondents listen to the TV or regular radio stations for most of their emergency alerts, know a primary and secondary safe driving route, have a flashlight with batteries and a current prescription medications list set aside to use for emergencies.

### Here is what those numbers tell US about YOU...

Not everyone may be as prepared for a disaster or unplanned emergency event as they could be or might like to be. We want to offer our support and ideas to help you make 3 day (and/or longer) disaster kits to have ready to use when the need presents itself. Flashlights are great, but there are other things just as (if not more) important to have ready to use in an emergency.

Anyone relying on TV or regular radio stations, using a cell phone or neighboring family members to call and report what's happening will find it's not as reliable as they might think.

Power and cable lines fall, cell towers get overloaded—dropping calls and satellites become obscured, taking the Internet and weather channel TV out of the update picture.

While 55% of households said YES to owning pets, only half of those people have their pet(s) included in their emergency plan/supplies. We want to be sure that your pet—whether furry, feathered or scaly, is safe with you when the need arises.

Communication is the biggest area of concern for you and your family. Most people want to know that their family is safe first, before getting help for themselves or before helping others. Only 37% of responding households stated that they have an actual communication plan already in place with family members to use in the event of an emergency or disaster. We can teach you an easy way to make an effective plan.

Your responses reveal that you have a few items tucked about the house to use in an emergency. We can teach you: 1.-how to identify things that you may already have in your home that could be used in a disaster kit and 2.-where to get the items you don't have—without breaking the bank and 3.-how to store them all in one place, as a kit, where they'll be ready when you need them.

Only 15% of you have ever been trained in First Aid. Only 17 % are currently certified to perform CPR. Many people overlook these things when thinking of their own households. Emergencies and disasters WILL keep 1st responders busy elsewhere. Knowing how to care for injuries and do CPR may well keep your injured loved one alive until other help can arrive. We would like to teach you First Aid and PAY for you to learn CPR so you can help others in need.

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## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Jason Lumbergy as top membership recruiter. Jason signed 7 new associate members in December.

Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.

Jason Lumbergy

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### Barbecue Chicken Bake

##### Ingredients

- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 can (16.3) refrigerated original or buttermilk biscuits
- 1 bottle (18 oz) barbecue sauce
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (8 oz)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro, optional

##### Directions

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 13x9 inch (3 quart) glass baking dish with cooking spray.

Heat 10 inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook



10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until no longer pink in center. Remove from heat and cool slightly, about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, separate dough into 8 biscuits. Cut each biscuit into 8 pieces. Set aside.

Place cooked chicken in medium bowl. Pour barbecue sauce over chicken; stir to combine. Add biscuit dough pieces to chicken mixture; gently toss to combine. Spread mixture evenly in baking dish. Sprinkle cheese over top.

Bake 25-30 minutes or until golden brown and cheese is melted. Sprinkle cilantro over top. Serve immediately.

*Taken from pillsbury.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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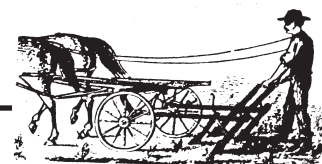
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## Looking Back



### TAKEN FROM THE JANUARY 1957 BULLETIN

There was a meat cutting and cooking demonstration sponsored by Warren County Farm Bureau at Monmouth College. Demonstrators would be from the National Livestock and Meat Board. The Knox County Farm Bureau asked for 125 women to attend the day in Monmouth.

### TAKEN FROM THE JANUARY 1977 BULLETIN

For the Annual Farm Bureau meeting, the Secretary of the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Mr. Leonard Gardner, would speak about legislative issues that will soon be affecting everyone in the near future.

### TAKEN FROM THE JANUARY 1997 BULLETIN

In the cold month of January, the prices of propane were skyrocketing. The worldwide demand for propane was far exceeding the demand of the domestic demand. It had been 20-30 degrees colder than the normal temperatures, so it created an increase in demand for propane. These high prices were the result of fewer oil sources to then restrict the amount of propane available to use in homes.

### PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee did not meet in December. The next meeting will be the 2017 program planning meeting at the Knox Agri Center. Lunch will

be catered and will start at 12 PM on Tuesday, January 17. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.

### ~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

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