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**KNOX COUNTY
PORK PRODUCERS
ASSOCIATION**
**61st Annual
Meeting ~ Friday,
January 26, 2018**
**6:30 PM – Lake Storey
Pavilion**

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**KNOX COUNTY  
CATTLEMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday,**  
**February 10, 2018**  
**4:30 PM – Social**  
**5:30 – Meal**  
**Lake Storey  
Pavilion**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

- 10 Marketing Club Mtg, 12:30 PM, Pizza Ranch
- 11 Young Farmers Mtg, 6 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 15 KCFB Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- 16 Primetimers Mtg, 12 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 17 Kids Farm Safety Day Mtg, 12 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 17 Education and Outreach Task Force Mtg, 6 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 17 KCFB Foundation Silent Auction Items Due
- 18 KCFB Board Mtg, 7 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 20 KCFB Annual Mtg, 10 AM, Visions Venue
- 24 Marketing Club Mtg, 12:30 PM, Pizza Ranch
- 26 Ag Day for Kids (4th Grade), Carl Sandburg College
- 26 Knox Co Pork Producers Annual Mtg, 6:30, Lake Storey Pavilion

### February

- 10 Knox Co Cattlemen's Annual Mtg, 4:30, Lake Storey Pavilion
- 15 KCFB Board Mtg, 7 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 19 Winter Crop Mtg, 6 PM, Knox Agri-Center
- 21 Certified Livestock Manager Training, 9 AM, Knox Agri-Center

## Illinois Farm Bureau Members Set Policy, Elect New Officers During Annual Meeting

Delegates to the Illinois Farm Bureau's (IFB) Annual Meeting, held in Chicago Dec. 2-5, took part in one of the meeting's most honored and respected traditions: grassroots, member-driven discussion to set the organization's policy for the coming year.

Two of the most important actions by the delegate body was to pass their sense of the delegate body resolutions, including resolutions which dealt with the cost of health-care and the importance of trade and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"Healthcare is a major concern because it's a major cost issue for our membership," said Mark Gebhards, executive director, Governmental Affairs and Commodities, IFB. "What the delegate body asked for in this particular resolution was for our board of directors to look for options that might be out there. As an organization, are there opportunities where we can try to provide some choices or option in this health insurance area for our membership to look at?"

Delegates also passed a sense of the delegate body resolution expressing strong support for NAFTA and trade agreements.

"We are concerned, to say the least, with the administration's focus on potentially withdrawing from NAFTA," Gebhards said. "There's a lot of talk about bilateral and unilateral agreements with countries and that's great – we hope they come about. But we have

a trade agreement here with NAFTA that is significantly important to agriculture and if we withdraw, we will see some negative impact on commodity prices and demand."

Gebhards said the resolution emphasized remaining in NAFTA and ensuring there's a plan in place for agriculture if the U.S. would happen to withdraw. To underscore support for the 23-year-old trade deal, members sent more than 1,100 text messages to members of Congress during annual meeting in support of NAFTA.

Delegates also focused their energy on several important policy submittals and changes, including solar energy, pesticide management, endangered species, conservation programs and the 2018 farm bill. To start the business session Monday, delegates voted on and passed comprehensive policy to guide the organization in both the legislative and regulatory arena as more solar farms are installed in the state.

"Solar farms are a new policy for us, a new area," Gebhards said. "The new policy will help landowners with some of the property rights issues, the assessment of these units for tax purposes, and how they will be decommissioned when their useful life is over."

The delegates also spent time discussing the Endangered Species Act as it applies to the Monarch butterfly, strengthening policy position by outlining provisions for the organization moving forward.



Knox County Farm Bureau President, Grant Strom, accepts a recognition plaque awarded to their county for its achievements during 2017. The award was presented during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and calls attention to the comprehensive nature of county Farm Bureau programs.

Touching on herbicide use and management, delegates discussed policy which emphasized the importance of facilitating and coordinating new training and record keeping for certain herbicides, including dicamba.

Delegates also discussed conservation programs and the 2018 farm bill, putting policy in place which ensures there is opportunity for new acreage to enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program, and that funding is maintained for crop insurance.

"There was extensive policy rewording and additions with respect to the 2018 farm bill, focusing on making sure that crop insurance remains our top priority, as well as conservation issues," Gebhards

said. "The battle is going to be the funding side of this issue and we're going to do everything we can to make sure any costs savings don't come out of those programs."

To finish the delegate business, the delegates re-elected President Richard Guebert, Jr., of Ellis Grove in Randolph County. They also elected a new vice president in Brian Duncan of Polo in Ogle County.

Finally, delegates confirmed the election of Robert Klemm, of Waynesville in DeWitt County, to a two-year term to serve District 11 on the IFB Board. Directors in districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 13, 15 and 17 were re-elected by their districts and also confirmed by the delegate body.

## COUNTY FARM BUREAUS HONORED FOR INNOVATIVE AG PROGRAMS

CHICAGO — Knox County Farm Bureau was among 16 counties which earned the Illinois Farm Bureau's (IFB) New Horizon Award during the organization's annual meeting, held in Chicago Dec. 2-5.

The New Horizon Award recognizes new and innovating programs which follow the priorities set by the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors. County projects were completed in the past two years and were judged based on innovation and results.

"Brand new this year, this award seeks out and honors counties going above and beyond to engage members, address environmental issues, have conversations with consumers, and more," said Jackie Jones, associate field support direc-

tor, IFB. "The counties recognized represent the best of the best in their membership groups, or multi-county coalitions."

County projects honored exemplified IFB priorities, including valuing and engaging members and county Farm Bureaus; prioritizing profitability and financial viability; leading efforts on environmental issues; reaching out to influencers; and effectively managing resources.

This year's winners included:

- Membership Group I – Edwards County for their Ag Proud in Edwards County program
- Membership Group II – Mercer County for their Farm in the Park program
- Membership Group III – Knox County for their Farm to Fork Gala
- Membership Group IV – Clinton County for their Nutrient Steward-

ship Program which highlights the influence of cover crops and manure management on soil health and nutrient loss

•Membership Group V – Kane County for their Mobile Grain Bin Safety Display

•Clark and Jasper counties received a multi-county award for their Agriculture is Cool project

•Crawford, Edwards, Gallatin, Hamilton, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne and White counties received a multi-county award for their Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Education Through Testing program

One IFB New Horizon Award was awarded per membership group to individual county Farm Bureau entries that met the qualifications; two multi-county projects also were awarded. Each winning indi-

vidual entry received \$500, while each winning multi-county project received \$1,000 to split between the counties involved in the project.

"We can't wait to see what our counties submit next year," Jones said. We're confident these projects will continue to show our counties are a driving force for agricultural innovation."

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 398,283 and a voting membership of more than 79,450. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

|                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Erica & Eric Alexander                | Adam McCormick         |
| Christopher Bishop                    | Angelo Niefert         |
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There are two opportunities to

complete the University of Illinois Certified Livestock Manager training for certification: attend a workshop or complete online training modules.

A workshop is planned for February 21, 2018 starting at 9 am at the Knox County Extension Office, 180 S. Soangetaha Rd, Ste 108,

Galesburg, IL.

Visit [web.extension.illinois.edu/lfmm/clmt](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lfmm/clmt) for more information and to register. If you have questions, please call Nesli Akdeniz at (217) 300-2644 or Rich Gates at (217) 244-2791.



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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### Coaxing kids to be cool with the 'uncool'

Love doesn't keep a tally, so I'll just say that our nine-year-old son frequently tells me, "My friends don't have to do that." Chores, yard work, extra division practice, typing tutorials ... the reference to what his friends are doing (or not doing) provides the universal excuse to negotiate or avoid Mom's assigned task. At bedtime, I analyze my day as a mother and often pray for help to be better at my role. In these days of instant communication, slipping work ethic, decreased privacy and increasing conceitedness, I face persistent challenges to keep my kids

grounded in values of hard work, self-sufficiency, humbleness and consideration for others. We can't escape these cultural influences out here in farm country, and I assume we share these challenges with our urban and suburban counterparts who have similar values. Contrary to our son's belief, I think some kids do "have to do that."

But, I'm afraid not enough. Popular culture and mainstream media consistently throw darts at my day. They tell kids it's cool to be athletic, own a cell phone at a young age, and voice their opinion on social media rather than possess the self-control to remain reserved. It's cool to publicly showcase private moments. It's cool to be entertained and on-the-go all the time. It's cool to be successful, with success measured by fame, wealth and materialism.

Mike Rowe, former host of the TV Show "Dirty Jobs," deserves credit for publicly associating lack of coolness with the skills gap: Our culture generally lacks interest in and respect for physically demanding careers and thus don't train for these jobs that now have employee shortages. I find that the analogy applies not only to uncelebrated blue-collar jobs, but

that some accomplishments and values also consistently fall short of the societal praise and celebration they deserve. Like privacy rather than publicizing your day on Facebook or Twitter. Like diving deep into a talent or 4-H project rather than playing every single sport that's glorified in our nation's school systems. Like work ethic, at-home parenting, domestic responsibilities or owning a minivan.

Individually, we give value to what we prioritize. Often, I find that popular culture does not always align with our household's values, which is fine except when counter opinions publicly marginalize our choices. I want our kids to uphold values that speak to them without society speaking for them. I want them to feel appreciated when there is no engraved trophy or even financial gain to recognize what they set out to accomplish. In the end, only they can be cool with what society deems uncool, and I hope they live a fulfilling life with chosen values that will shape who they want to become.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers is a mother of two farm kids in West-Central Illinois, where her family grows corn, soybeans and hay and raises beef cattle.*

## 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 2017 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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## Adopt a Classroom

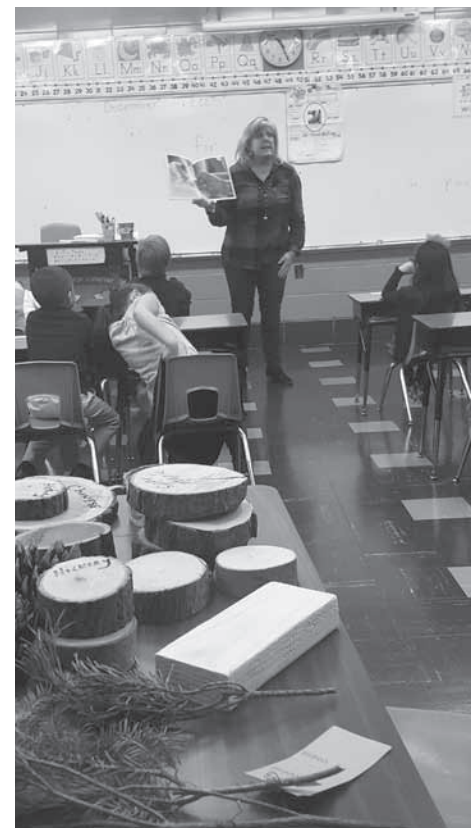
December was a busy month for everyone, and it was especially busy for Ag in the Classroom educators. Mrs. Green visited 42 classrooms in Knox County before winter break began, and also visited two classrooms in Chicago. Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom matches educators with classrooms from Chicago to bring the farm to the city. This program is called Adopt a Classroom. Classroom visits help students learn about how agriculture impacts their daily lives. Classroom teachers were provided Ag Mags and selected books on agriculture to share with their students, courtesy of Ag in the Classroom.

Ag in the Classroom educators, Mrs. Green and Ms. Aggie, visited five classrooms at St. Symphorosa after attending Trivia Night during the IFB Annual Meeting. Board members Jeff Link, Jim DeSutter, Nathan Link and Tim Main took a break from the meetings, as did Knox County Farm Bureau Executive Director Hailey Weyhrich, to assist the Ag Educators. St. Symphorosa is a K-8

school located near Midway Airport. Students in preschool, kindergarten, first and second grade were taught lessons about seasons and trees.

Mrs. Green brought real tree samples and cones for first students and read a story about trees. The Night Tree is a story about an evergreen tree in the woods that is decorated with popcorn strings, oranges and apples for the animals to eat on Christmas day. After the lesson, students made tree bead bracelets.

Mrs. Green brought diagrams of deciduous and evergreen trees, a variety of 'wood cookies' and cones from evergreen trees, four types of evergreen tree branches, and a piece of lumber for second graders. Students learned about the life cycle of evergreen trees. Their project was a 3-dimensional evergreen tree with pictures of the life cycle from cone to adult tree. Second graders also learned about rainforest trees by listening to a story called The Great Kapok Tree.






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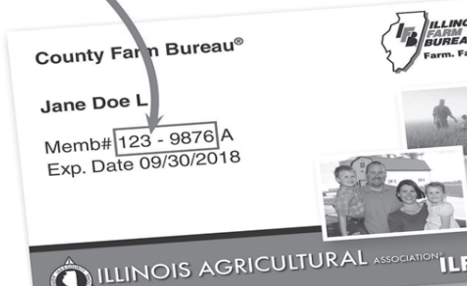
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According to a survey by Marshall & Swift/Boeckh, a company specializing in estimating home construction costs, two out of every three homes nationwide are underinsured. Fire damage, theft, an injury on your property or any other accident can be devastating and stressful, especially if you do not have adequate insurance coverage. Make sure you have adequate insurance protection by meeting with your financial representative for a periodic insurance and financial review.

#### When should I perform a review?

An insurance and financial review will help eliminate gaps in coverage and provide a better understanding of your insurance needs to best protect you and your family.

Many believe performing a review is only necessary after major life changes, such as purchasing a new home or having a child. While these life changes are cause to review your insurance coverage, it is also important to keep little changes in mind. For example, buying a new car, changing jobs or making improvements to your home are changes that can make a difference in your insurance coverage needs. No matter how big or small your life changes, review your insurance coverages to make sure your have the best protection for you and your family.

#### Can you replace your home and personal property at today's

#### prices?

Replacement cost coverage may be available on your homeowners policy to help protect you from economic fluctuations and depreciation if you have a claim. Replacement cost coverage comes in three different options: Personal Property Replacement Cost, Extended Replacement Cost and Additional Replacement Cost.

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Additional Replacement Cost coverage provides the same coverage, but will pay the amount needed regardless of the policy limit.

When you have Personal Property Replacement Cost coverage, if damaged items cannot be repaired then your policy pays the amount needed, up to the policy limit, to replace the items with identical or similar items without a deduction for depreciation.

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## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

### The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on December 21, 2017

#### Education & Outreach – Lori Engel

The E&O TF donated a silent auction basket filled with farm baby toys and activities for the Festival of Trees Fundraiser for the Discovery Depot Children's Museum.

The E&O TF Holiday Food Sales wrapped up on December 4 and all orders were distributed on December 11.

#### Farm Business Taskforce – Jarid Cain

Some 2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are still available.

2018 Knox Co. Commemorative Plat Books are available.

#### Government and Policy Taskforce – Joe Webel

Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886.

#### Member Relations – Matt Hennenfent

The Centennial Celebration committee has divided into two sub-committees.

On November 28, past presidents, Grant Strom, and Mark Frels were interviewed for the history video that will be shown at Annual Meeting.

#### Foundation – Hailey Weyhrich

The next Foundation meeting will be February 27 at 6:30 PM.

Applications for scholarships and the internship position are now available at <http://www.knoxcfb.org>. They are due February 13.

#### PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich

The PT met on November 21 for their Holiday Lunch at the Packinghouse. They were all very appreciative of the Knox County Farm Bureau for paying for their meal.

#### Young Farmer's – Krista Swanson

The Young Farmers hosted a Leadership Bootcamp on Nov 14 for high school students interested in career preparation. 11 students participated in the day long event.

The IFB Young Leaders Conference is January 19-20 in East Peoria.

#### KAC – Terry Boydston

The next KAC meeting will be February 27 at 7:30 PM.

The KAC has a fall cleanup of the property done.

The KAC is looking into building

renovations.

#### IFF – Lori Engel

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Knox County earned 9 Gold Stars at the IFB Annual Meeting. Two resolutions submitted by Knox were passed at IFB Annual Meeting.

KCFB Annual Meeting is January 20th at Visions Venue. Directors are to arrive at 9:15 in suit and tie for group picture.

KCFB Foundation chose not to match the Farm Bureau donation to the Williamsfield Playground Barn-Raising Project.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ag in the Classroom Coordinators gave reports: Teresa Sanford-Shipplett has been in kindergarten classrooms teaching trees, deer, and types of corn. Roxanne Green has been in 1st and 2nd grade classrooms teaching trees facts. Mary Beth Bowman has been in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classrooms teaching plants, turkeys, pork. Ag Day for Kids is January 26th at Carl Sandburg College. Bags will be packed January 25th.

The 2018 IFB Young Leaders Conference is January 19-20 in East Peoria. Tom Hoben moved for KCFB to pay the registration fee for all Young Farmers attending. Joe Webel seconded. Motion passed.

Jeff Grady was voted as Young Farmers Chairman.

### Board Meeting Attendance

| NAME              | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Bewley, Beau      | C   | P   | P   |
| Boydston, Terry   | C   | P   | P   |
| Cain, Jarid       | C   | P   | P   |
| DeSutter, Jim     | C   | A   | P   |
| Engel, Lori       | C   | P   | P   |
| Erickson, David S | C   | P   | P   |
| Goedeke, Phil     | C   | P   | A   |
| Hennenfent, Matt  | C   | P   | P   |
| Hoben, Tom        | C   | P   | P   |
| Hulsizer, Matt    | C   | P   | P   |
| King, Becky       | C   | A   | A   |
| Link, Jeff        | C   | P   | P   |
| Link, Nathan      | C   | A   | P   |
| Main, Tim         | C   | P   | P   |
| O'Connor, Tom     | C   | P   | P   |
| Seiboldt, Pat     | C   | P   | P   |
| Stevens, Monica   | C   | P   | P   |
| Strom, Grant      | C   | P   | P   |
| Swanson, Brett    | C   | A   | P   |
| Swanson, Krista   | C   | P   | P   |
| Webel, Joe        | C   | A   | P   |
| West, Todd        | C   | P   | P   |



## Hailey - Manager Update

What a cold start it has been to 2018! Things are really starting to warm up in the office though as we begin putting all our plans for the 100th Anniversary of the Knox County Farm Bureau into action. January 20th is the Annual Meeting that will serve as our kick-off event for the year. Remember that this year the location has changed to Visions Venue! Look for more information to come about other events throughout the year.

January 1 marked the beginning of my 4th month here at the Knox County Farm Bureau. This past month included even more great experiences like the opportunity to speak with John Block for a 100th Anniversary project and then the holiday party where dinner guests included all the Board Directors, Staff, Education & Outreach Task Force, Young Farmers Committee, and their families. What



a humbling end to the year! For 2018, I look forward to celebrating this historic year with all of you!

## GROWMARK, FS DONATE \$60,000 TO SUPPORT ILLINOIS AG LITERACY

CHICAGO — GROWMARK and its FS member cooperatives recently renewed their commitment to Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IATC) programs with \$60,000 in support. During activities at the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Heather Thompson, GROWMARK manager of System Young Producer Programs, presented a symbolic check representing their contribution.

“GROWMARK is committed to the future of the agriculture industry,” Thompson said. “That commitment is demonstrated through our sustainability efforts, and our support for youth and young leader programs. We also believe it is critically important that tomorrow’s consumers grow up with ag education in their schools from a very young age. That’s why we proudly support the work of the IAA Foundation and its Ag in the Classroom program.”

GROWMARK’s contribution supports the grassroots efforts of the IATC by helping fund county ag literacy coalition grants throughout Illinois. This year, more than \$600,000 was distributed through this matching grant initiative, meaning more

students and teachers have access to free resources and can engage in classroom experiences about agriculture.

“County AITC programs are the heart of our success,” said Kevin Daugherty, education director, IATC. “Partners like GROWMARK and the local FS cooperatives help us not only to continue our growth, but branch out to highlight new and important topics. In the last year we have highlighted nutrient management and pollinators to our audiences.”

IATC has a rich history of being the agriculture education resource for teachers to utilize in classrooms. And this past year, new lessons, book grants and a poster series supported by GROWMARK grew awareness about the importance of pollinators in agriculture and food production.

“The more than 660,000 students and 40,000 teachers actively engaged in IATC throughout Illinois will have access to these free educational resources,” said Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation. “Thanks to donors like GROWMARK, we hope to continue growing that number.”

## IAA FOUNDATION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURE, IFB FAMILIES

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members and their children are encouraged to apply for 76 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau’s charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year, will be awarded in total of \$144,800 for the 2018-2019 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 the Illinois Soybean Association.

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, eligibility guidelines, and application documents are available at the Foundation website, [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Completed applications must be submitted online by Feb. 1, 2018.

For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2230, or e-mail Jessie Denny, program manager, IAA Foundation, at [jdenny@ifb.org](mailto:jdenny@ifb.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.

### INTERNSHIP & SCHOLARSHIPS

*In addition, two more scholarships will be awarded through the O’Connor Family Scholarship. More details to come.*

#### KCFB Foundation Summer Internship

The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering an internship with the Knox County Farm Bureau for the summer of 2018. 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 26th 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 2018 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, 2018.

#### 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 2018 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, 2018.

#### 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 2018 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 2018.

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, 2018.

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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## JANUARY IS CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and the Knox County Health Department wants you to know that there's a lot you can do to prevent cervical cancer. Each year, more than 13,000 women in the United States get cervical cancer.

To start the year right, we encourage women to contact the Knox County Health Department or their health care provider to schedule a Pap test to check for cervical cancer. This screening is a crucial part of a woman's health care regimen, yet one that many overlook. It's important to remember that cervical cancer is a preventable disease – as long as it's caught early enough.

We also encourage pre-teens to get the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine. HPV is a very common infection that spreads through sexual activity, and it causes almost all cases of cervical cancer. About 79 million Americans currently have HPV, but many people with HPV don't know they are infected.

### The good news?

- The HPV vaccine (shot), Gardasil, can prevent HPV.
- Cervical cancer can often be prevented with regular screening tests and follow-up care.

### In honor of National Cervical Health Awareness Month, the Health Department encourages:

- Women to start getting regular cervical cancer screenings at age 21
- Parents to make sure pre-teens get the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12

Teens and young adults also need to get the HPV vaccine if they didn't get it as pre-teens. Women up to age 26 and men up to age 21 can still get the vaccine.

While routine Pap tests are the best means of detecting cervical cancer at an early stage, vaccines have the potential to protect women from the disease, by targeting cancer-causing types of the HPV. In girls and young women ages 9 to 26, Gardasil 9 helps protect against 9 types of HPV that can cause cervical cancer and genital wart cases. However, the vaccine is not recommended for all women, and KCHD officials stress that it does not prevent all strains of HPV or eliminate the need for annual Pap tests, gynecological exams that screen for cervical cancer.

"A Pap test is one of the most important health tools for women to prevent cervical cancer," said Director of Family Health, Cathy Ayres. "Cervical cancer remains a serious threat to women's health despite the development of the HPV vaccine and early detection tools," Ayres states. "Fortunately, the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) can provide breast and cervical cancer screenings to eligible women between the ages of 35-64 that reside in Knox, Warren or Henderson Counties. This program can assist women who do not have insurance or may have limited insurance to access these services. Please contact us at the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 or visit [www.knoxcountyhealth.org](http://www.knoxcountyhealth.org), to see if the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program can be of assistance. If more women have access to care, we can reduce the rates of cervical cancer."

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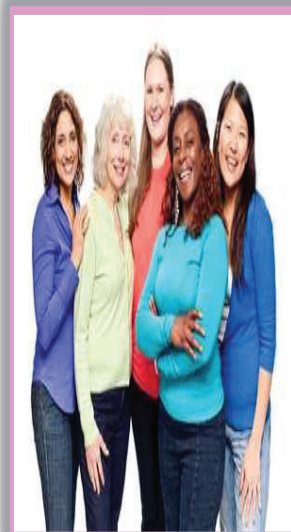
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## PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The PrimeTimers committee will meet January 16th; at which 2018 monthly

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Glistening Icicles

#### Ingredients

#### COOKIE

3/4 cup sugar  
3/4 cup butter softened  
1/4 cup buttermilk  
1 large egg  
2 teaspoons almond extract  
2 1/4 2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/4 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt

#### GLAZE

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar  
1 tablespoon light corn syrup  
1/4 teaspoon almond extract  
2 to 3 tablespoons water  
Silver or white edible glitter  
Ribbon

#### Instructions

1.Combine sugar and butter in bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy. Add buttermilk, egg and 2 teaspoons extract; continue beating until well mixed. Add flour, baking powder and salt; beat at low speed until well mixed.



2.Divide dough in half; shape each half into 5-inch log. Wrap each in plastic food wrap. Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm.

3.Heat oven to 375°F.



4.Cut logs into 1/4-inch slices. Roll each slice into 9-inch rope, tapering from center to ends. Fold rope in half and twist, pinching end into a point. Place 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Repeat with remaining slices. Bake 8-10 minutes or until set.

5.Poke hole in top of each cookie with toothpick or straw to hang icicles. Cool completely on wire rack placed over waxed paper.

6.Combine powdered sugar, corn syrup and 1/4 teaspoon extract in bowl. Gradually add enough water for thin glazing consistency. Brush glaze over cooled cookies with pastry brush. Immediately sprinkle edible glitter on cookies. Let stand until set. Thread ribbon through hole in each cookie to hang.

Recipe from [landolakes.com](http://landolakes.com)

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