

## ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU MEMBERS SET POLICY DURING ANNUAL MEETING

Delegates and members attending the 103rd Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Annual Meeting capped a frustrating year with some good news: U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed to a ceasefire in their escalating trade war.

Trump agreed not to raise tariffs further while trade negotiations continue while Xi agreed to purchase more U.S. agricultural, energy and other products from the U.S.

But the armistice wasn't the only highlight for the more than 1,820 members, staff and affiliates who attended the meeting.

In addition to the opportunity to listen to keynote speaker Captain Mark Kelly and receive county and Young Leader awards, members also enjoyed a visit from U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and set policy for the coming year. "I certainly think one of the high-

lights of this year's meeting was Secretary Sonny Perdue's presence and his comments to our delegates about trade," said Richard Guebert Jr., president, IFB. "We were very fortunate because he wanted to have lunch with a small group of our leaders – members who grow different types of commodities – and they all had an opportunity to ask their questions and talk about what's most important to them.

Perdue, who was appointed Secretary of Agriculture in 2017, encouraged IFB members to work with Congressional leaders to urge them to ratify the U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade agreement and pass the 2018 farm bill.

"I always appreciate how sincere and informative the Secretary is when he speaks to our leaders and members," Guebert said. "He knows the issues and he doesn't hesitate to answer any farmer's questions, and I

certainly appreciate that."

Voting delegates for the meeting, totaling 343, also debated and decided on policy for the coming year. While a full range of topics were discussed, issues including the motor fuel tax, recreational marijuana and school security occupied the majority of delegates' time.

"There was a submittal that the organization should not have an opposed position to that; that was debated quite a bit by the delegate body and at the end of the day, what was put in place for our policy book, is that we would maintain an opposed position to recreational cannabis," said Mark Gebhards, executive director, Governmental Affairs and Commodities, IFB. "In the event that it is legalized as we move forward with this next legislative session, then the delegate body wants to make sure that it is regulated and taxed accordingly."

Delegates also discussed policy which provided support for the medicinal marijuana industry, which is currently being reviewed in a pilot program in Illinois.

"Another issue as our state continues to try to get a handle on its fiscal situation is the motor fuel tax," Gebhards said. "Our motor fuel tax here in Illinois hasn't been updated in about 28 years. Our policy, before the delegates amended it Monday, was that we would not exceed a 10-cent increase in motor fuel tax. Delegates changed the policy to allow the organization to support a 'moderate' increase in the motor fuel tax, giving us some leeway to work with the new administration as they look at amending this tax."

Delegates also spent time discussing school safety and security, an issue which may not traditionally be considered a Farm Bureau topic. "School safety is an important is-

sue, and unfortunately, one that I know we all wish we didn't have to talk about," Gebhards said. "But I applaud the delegates for taking the time to try and address school safety, and again, what is we want to have in our policy book when it comes to whether teachers should be armed in the classroom."

Delegates crafted policy to underscore the importance of school security but didn't go so far as to support arming teachers. Delegates also passed a sense of the delegate body resolution supporting a solution to ongoing trade disputes.

To finish up the day, delegates confirmed the election of one new member to the IFB Board of Directors and eight incumbent directors. Ken Cripe, of Vandalia, Ill., in Fayette County, will serve a two-year term representing members of District 14, which covers Clay, Effingham, Fayette, Marion and Montgomery counties.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Kelsie Angelo	Lindsay & Keith Peachey
Marsha & Terry Cowan	Samantha Rice
Susan & Jason Evans	Austin Rutledge
Laurie Knosher	Chad Thompson
Jodie Lafollette	John Voss

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### January


19	KCFB Annual Mtg, 10 AM, Cedar Creek Hall
21	KCFB Office Closed
23	Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, Pizza Ranch
24	Winter Crop Mtg, 6 PM, KAC
25	Pork Producers Annual Mtg, 6:30 PM, Lake Storey Pavilion
25-26	Young Leader Conf, East Peoria
30	FFA Acquaintance Night, 6 PM, Northgate Lanes

#### February

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

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## IFB Announces Nutrient Stewardship Grant Recipients

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Thirty Illinois county Farm Bureaus have been awarded grants under the Nutrient Stewardship Grant program. For the fourth consecutive year, Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) has awarded the grants – totaling nearly \$400,000 in the last four years – to help promote local nutrient stewardship, soil health, and water quality projects.

"It's encouraging to see new project ideas come forth and to see how projects are growing to meet farmer needs in local areas," said Lyndsey Ramsey, associate director, Natural and Environmental Resources, IFB. "Our farmer members continue to lead the effort in reducing nutrient losses through inventive projects across the state."

This year's grant projects include hosting field days to promote agricultural conservation practices, exploring the multiple benefits of

Water And Sediment Control Basins (WASCoBs), conducting soil and water testing, installing a saturated buffer, and inviting experts to present to local farmers.

Additionally, some counties will continue projects which were started in previous years, including completing soil tests on fields utilizing several types of cover crops to determine nitrogen levels in the soil and determining how soil types, cover crop mixtures and other factors impact nitrogen utilization.

All projects will be conducted with the ultimate goal of achieving nutrient loss reduction under the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs).

The NLRs, which was released by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) in July 2015, calls for wastewater treatment

## On-the-Road Seminar - Motor Vehicle Rules for Illinois Farmers

Trucking regulations can be complicated, and farm exemptions compound that problem. Seems everyone has a different answer to your question. Join the McDonough, Warren-Henderson, and Knox County Farm Bureaus at 1:30 PM on

Wednesday, February 6th, 2019 at the Spoon River Outreach Center located at 2500 E Jackson in Macomb to find out what you need to know.

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Trucking laws have been reshaped in recent years with more changes yet to come. Rules recently affected include: farmer exemptions, Harvest Season permit, Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs), waivers for insulin-related diabetic drivers, a new class "C" license plate, Covered Farm Vehicle options for small trucks, and the UCR payment schedule and fees for 2019.

Presenting the seminar will be Kevin Rund and Kirby Wagner who specialize in farm transportation issues for the Illinois Farm Bureau®. And they'll provide take-home materials covering these topics.

The seminar is free courtesy of your county and state Farm Bureaus®, but advance registration is requested. Please call 309-837-3350 to reserve your place at the On-the-Road Seminar.



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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### Best bargains made early on farm supply buys

My husband will attest. My obsession with holiday-time bargains unleashed when the kids slept. Morning and night, I glanced through bookmarked web pages for product price drops in November and December. I kept a spreadsheet of my shopping plan and small victories in cloud storage, which made it editable on my smartphone. And I consistently monitored email and phone notifications for deals. My goal: Buy Christmas gifts as cost effectively as possible to delight our kids, relatives, teachers, and

my husband, too.  
I funnel my focus into saving money, an objective as important as making it. I find parallels in the farm office during our farm's season of shopping for next year's seed, pesticides, fertilizer, fuel, equipment and insurance. During the holiday madness, I watched for coupon codes, rebates and cash-back rewards at retailers that sold my kids' wish list items. On the farm, we're making spreadsheets to analyze the value of rebates, patronage, quantity discounts, early-pay incentives and financing options on the final cost of seed, herbicide and equipment leases.  
The financial side of the farming operation demands as much attention on our farm as the hungry steers at the feed bunk and planter prep in the shop. In generations past, the harder you physically worked, the more money you made. Today, farming requires more significant financial investment and desk-type management than ever. Depressed crop values and tight margins makes us even more driven to monitor product costs, call around for price checks and watch for package deals to redeem before they're gone.

## 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 72 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$110,000 for the 2019-2020 school year.  
"We are pleased to help students through our growing scholarship program," said Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation. "It is a great privilege to support the next generation of leaders, and encourage continuing education in agricultural fields."  
Students may apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation

Top Scholarships, where winners will each receive \$5,000 awards. Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship winner.  
In addition to family scholarships often established to honor the memory of a loved one, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of organizations such as Prairie Farms Dairy and St. Louis District Dairy Council.  
All applicants must be high school seniors accepted for enrollment, or students already enrolled at an accredited college, university or community college. Scholarships are awarded for exceptional academic ability, leadership and financial need. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship

Serious holiday shoppers know to act fast to avoid the disappointment of your child's most-wanted toy running out-of-stock. Likewise, orders for corn and soybean seed start during harvest – months before we need to plant it and a year before we'll gather the result. From a semitruck or combine cab, my brother books seed to secure a supply of the most-sought seed varieties for our farm to use the following season.  
Then again, booking early means paying early, too. While "pre-pay" never made Grandpa's farming vocabulary during his career, farmers for years now have paid for seed, fuel and pesticides far in advance. We pre-payers fund products early to guarantee supply and prices up to a year before gathering the crop. Though not always ideal, this early-pay process most often results in the best pricing deals we can get on the farm – our business version of seasonal shopping for bargains.  
*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.*

are eligible to apply again.  
A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines available at the Foundation website, [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). The application opens Dec. 1, 2018 and must be completed online by Feb. 1, 2019.  
For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2230, or e-mail Susan Moore, Director, IAA Foundation, at [smoore@iffb.org](mailto:smoore@iffb.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

**KCFB Foundation Summer Internship**  
The Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation is offering an internship with the Knox County Farm Bureau for the summer of 2019. The intern will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and is encouraged to explore the possibility of using the internship to fulfill academic requirements for his/her major.  
This is the 27th year for the program, which continues to be very successful. The internship is open to Knox County residents who will be a sophomore, junior, senior, or full-time graduate student at a college or university during the fall 2019 semester. Preference is given to applicants who have a farm background and/or are studying an agricultural-related field.  
For more information and/or an application, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309/342-2036; e-mail: [knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org](mailto:knoxcfb@knoxcfb.org); or visit our website: [www.knoxcfb.org](http://www.knoxcfb.org). Applications are due February 13, 2019.

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**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

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Knox County Farm Bureau President Grant Strom, center, and Knox County Farm Bureau Executive Director Hailey Weyhrich, accept awards earned by Knox County for its achievements during 2018. The awards were presented during the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President Brian Duncan is pictured with Grant and Hailey.



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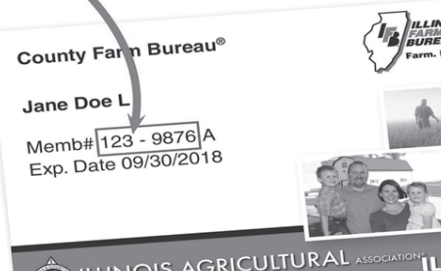
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**How To Choose The Right Space Heater**

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.

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### The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on December 20, 2018.

**Education & Outreach – Hailey Weyhrich**  
The Sounds of Summer event won an AFBF, CAE Award.

**Farm Business – Jarid Cain**  
Jarid reported there was a large crowd for the Steve Johnson seminar in November. Some 2016 Knox Co. Plat Books are still available. The 2018 Plat Book is available and is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. We now have Peoria County Plat Books available in the office for purchase.

**Government and Policy – Joe Webel**  
The contacts made for the Action Request for the passage of the Farm Bill were effective. Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886

**Member Relations – Matt Hennenfent**  
The Knox County Farm Bureau made their first quarter goals for the 2019

Quota Program. 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 November PrimeTimers meeting was on November 20 at noon at Cherry Street Restaurant and Bar. PrimeTimers will not be meeting in December. The January PrimeTimers meeting is on January 15th at noon at the KAC for 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. Jeff was the runner-up in the Discussion Meet contest at the IAA Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors won the Hunger Wars Food Drive contest at the Holiday Party against the Young Farmers. The Young Farmers cover crop trial program Nutrient

Stewardship Grant has been approved by Illinois Farm Bureau.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**  
The Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference will be held on February 19 in Springfield. Hailey will work with other District 8 managers to see if there is enough interest for a bus.

President Strom proposed the idea of a new program for 2019. A Health Fair will include possible speakers on Medicare options, shopping for health insurance as well as various health tests and will follow with new Farm Bureau discounts pertaining to health.

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

### Ms. Farmer and Mrs. Green teach their class how agriculture plays a role in the America's celebrations



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## Hailey's Manager Update

Happy 2019! I hope you all had a great Christmas with your family and loved ones! Jackie and I got right back to work on the 2nd and have been busy tidying up from the end of 2018 and preparing for the new year. Since the 100th Anniversary has wrapped up, we are sad knowing we do not have a big celebration to plan for again. Those memories will stay with us as we continue into the next 100 years though! Without having to focus on 100th Anniversary details, we are planning many more programs and events for this year. I am looking forward to seeing what our task force's come up with during

their Program of Work planning meetings this month and next. As always, if you have ideas for a program or a topic you would like us to bring an expert in on, please do not hesitate to let us know. We will do our best at getting something scheduled to best serve you, our members! Have a great January! February will be here before we know it.



### KNOX COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

**62nd Annual Meeting ~ Friday, January 25, 2019**

**6:30 PM – Lake Storey Pavilion**

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### KNOX COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**Annual Meeting ~ Saturday, February 9, 2019**

**4:30 PM – Social 5:30 – Meal**

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## Resolution presented to Secretary Sonny Perdue

A recent Illinois Farm Bureau survey completed by just under 2500 members in mid-November reflected a less than optimistic outlook for 2019 combined with growing concern over the loss of the Chinese market for soybeans.

Those key themes motivated IFB delegates to take action on a sense of the delegate body resolution this morning at the IAA Annual meeting. The Sense of the Delegate Body resolution "called upon Congress and the Administration to seek productive resolution to current trade disputes and enter into new trade agreements that have a lasting positive economic impact for all parties involved."

Delegates unanimously approved the resolution just prior to USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue arriving to address the 343 delegates. Secretary Perdue thanked the farmers for understanding "the long game" in the U.S. trade dispute with China. He also assured members a Farm Bill will get passed

before the end of the year.

President Guebert, Vice President Duncan and 16 farmer leaders presented the resolution and discussed impacts of trade policy on Illinois farmers during a small luncheon meeting following the Secretary's address.

In recent days, a lot of federal action has impacted farmers including agreement on the next farm bill, signing of the U.S. Canada Mexico Agreement, and President Trump's productive meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Buenos Aires.

"Illinois farmers should feel proud of the relationship Illinois Farm Bureau leaders have established with Secretary Sonny Perdue over the past year and a half. We took an opportunity today during our major policy meeting to share our members' concerns and to thank the Secretary for being a strong voice for agriculture," Guebert said.

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

Holiday time is the perfect time of year to study how our agriculture products influence our celebrations. Ms. Farmer has been busy teaching lessons about cranberries, turkeys, poinsettias, dairy, pork and the "Candy Bomber".

Third graders studied cranberries. They found out that cranberries bounce when ripe and that they float. It is amazing that the cranberry farmer purposely floods the bogs to harvest the crop. Students were surprised to find the inside of a cranberry has four hollow chambers. They made very funny faces when they tried eating a raw cranberry.

The third graders also studied poinsettias. This beautiful plant grows wild in Mexico like a weed. Students learned that poinsettias need long days and short nights to have the bracts (top leaves) change color. They were very proud of the paper poinsettia they made to take home. Many had someone in mind to give their project.

After learning about why turkeys stay healthier in a protected environment, fourth graders became excited about the talking

turkeys they made. Ms. Farmer may have not been their parent's favorite person with the turkey calling sounds made by this project.

Fourth graders then learned the story of the World War II pilot who became known as the "Candy Bomber" in effort the drop (parachute) candy to the children of West Berlin. The students were thrilled when the mini parachutes they made worked. Even the teachers liked the project.

Fifth graders continued their study of pizza. The students fascinated by the process of making cheese as they watched the video of "How Mozzarella Cheese Is Made". Fifth graders are always hungry, so the cheese tasting activity was a big hit.

When studying pork the fifth graders were intrigued by the number of various cuts of meat that come from a pig. The topic of the purpose of a pig is to provide food not be a pet was discussed. Students were then challenge to make a fortune teller project which asked questions about pork.

Plans for Ag Day for Kids are underway. All the schools have been contacted and have signed up for a time slot to attend. So needless to say Ms. Farmer and Mrs. Green are busy making the final plans for February 8 as well as teaching in the classrooms in the New Year.

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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## Knox County Health Department Promotes Breast & Cervical Cancer Program

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and the Knox County Health Department and Knox Community Health Center want women between the ages of 35-64 that reside in Knox, Warren or Henderson Counties to know that there's a lot you can do to prevent 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.

The Health Department and Community Health Center continue to focus on providing high quality care, and having the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program as part of its services is another way to care for patients. The IBCCP offers free mammograms, breast exams, pelvic exams and Pap tests to eligible women living in Knox, Warren, and Henderson Counties. Even if a woman has already been diagnosed with cancer, she may receive free treatment if she qualifies. If you do not have a health care provider, are insured, uninsured or underinsured, call today to learn more about IBCCP and the Knox Community Health Center.

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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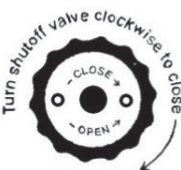
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  - IMMEDIATELY put out all smoking materials and other open flames,
  - DO NOT operate lights, appliances, thermostats, garage door openers, telephones or cell phones,
  - IMMEDIATELY get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect gas to be,
  - TURN OFF the main gas supply valve on your propane tank(s) if it is safe to do so, by turning the shutoff valve to the right (clockwise),
  - CALL your propane retailer from a neighbor's home or other nearby building or use your cell phone from a safe location outside the premises and away from the gas leak area.
  - CALL 911 or your local fire department if you can't reach your propane retailer,
  - DO NOT re-enter the building or area until your propane retailer or safety personnel tell you it is safe.
  - BEFORE you attempt to use any of your propane appliances, your propane retailer or a qualified service technician must check your entire gas piping system to ensure that it is leak-free.
- LP gas can cause injury, death or property damage if it leaks and ignites. To prevent this, do the following:
  - Everyone in your family should scratch and sniff the blue circle on the attached brochure. Learn what LP gas smells like.
  - Buy, install and maintain at least one LP gas detector per manufacturer's instructions, which is designed to alarm when gas has leaked. This is because there are some situations where you may not be able to smell LP gas. If alarm goes off, take the same precautions as if you smell gas.
- Exposure to Carbon Monoxide (CO) can cause injury or death. To prevent this, do the following:
  - Buy, install and maintain a Carbon Monoxide detector per manufacturer's instructions, which is designed to alarm when CO is detected. This is because you typically cannot taste or smell CO, which is produced from appliances that are not operating properly
  - Everyone in your home should be aware of the symptoms of CO, including Headache, Dizziness, Fatigue, Shortness of breath and Nausea.
  - If you or a family member shows physical symptoms of CO poisoning, get everyone out of the building and call 911 or your local fire department.
- DO NOT try to repair, modify or alter your propane piping system or connected appliances. Only allow qualified personnel to work on it.
- DO NOT attempt to relight any pilot lights. If a pilot light has gone out there may be a safety problem. Call your propane retailer at Macomb office at 1-877-833-9237 or Galesburg office at 1-800-282-5242 to relight all pilots or contact a qualified service technician to perform service or maintenance on your propane appliances
- AVOID RUNNING OUT OF GAS. Safety hazards, including fire or explosion can result.
  - If you have run out of LP gas or your service has been interrupted, call us immediately at Macomb office at 1-877-833-9237 or Galesburg office at 1-800-282-5242 so that we can come out and inspect your gas piping and check for leaks. Arrangements then can be made to relight the pilot lights by a qualified technician.
  - If you have run out of gas, you need to do the following:
    - Close the service valve on your LP gas tank.
    - Shut off all gas valves for appliances that use LP gas.



In addition to the above information, you can learn more about safety precautions that need to be taken for safe use of LP gas in your home or business at <http://usepropane.com/safe-source-of-energy/homeowner-safety-information/>. This website contains a link to a product safety brochure and a product safety manual with extensive information on propane safety. To educate your kids on propane safety, go to <http://propanekids.com/>.

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## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITERS OF THE MONTH



Jason Lumberry

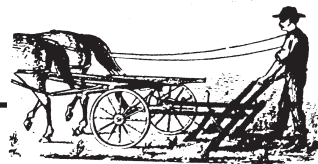
The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representatives Jason Lumberry and John Ryner as the top membership recruiters in December. Jason signed four new associate members and John signed one new voting member.

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John Ryner

## Looking Back



### TAKEN FROM THE JANUARY 1939 BULLETIN

The Galesburg Soy Products Company located on South Henderson Street, is trading soybean oilmeal, pound-for-pound, for No. 2 yellow beans. The soybean oilmeal is a better feed for livestock than the whole soybeans, therefore, this offer seems to be an advantage to those having the soybeans.

### TAKEN FROM THE JANUARY 1949 BULLETIN

During 1948, soil collection by the Farm Bureau, 61.8 per cent showed a low test on available phosphate while the samples brought in by the farmers was 61.7 percent which indicated that a large percent of our land in Knox County needs a phosphorus plant food application.

### TAKEN FROM THE JANUARY 1959 BULLETIN

Farmers in Illinois during the past three years have been contributing money to a fund which is being used to promote the sale of farm products at the retail level. Road signs have been erected in many counties including Knox. Better Breakfast post campaigns have been conducted.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



### Cheddar Chive Popovers

#### Ingredients

2 tbsp (30 mL) butter, melted and divided  
1 cup (250 mL) milk, at room temperature  
2 eggs, at room temperature  
1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour  
2 tbsp (30 mL) finely minced fresh chives or green onion  
1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt  
1/2 cup (125 mL) finely grated aged Canadian Cheddar

#### Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Brush 1 tbsp butter all over 12 muffin cups; set aside. Just before oven is

preheated, place milk, eggs and remaining tbsp butter in blender. Whirl until frothy, about 1 min. Add flour, chives and salt; whirl until well mixed. For popovers to reach maximum height, place empty buttered muffin pan in preheated 400°F oven for 3 min just before filling (don't worry if you see a few brown bits).

Pulse mixture in blender once or twice. Remove muffin pan from oven. Immediately pour batter into hot muffin cups, filling each cup a bit more than half full. Sprinkle with Cheddar cheese. Bake for 20 min until very puffed. Serve immediately.

*Recipe taken from dairygoodness.ca*

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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