



SAFETY SCHOOL

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers invite all 4-H and FFA members to attend the Lawn Mower & Tractor Safety School on Tuesday, March 26 at Martin Sullivan, 1910 Knox Rd 560 E, Galesburg. Registration will begin at 5:30 pm and the class will start promptly at 6:00 pm.

This program is for all youth who may operate lawn mowers or tractors and is a prerequisite for the Lawn Mower and Tractor Driving Contests that are held at the 4-H Fair in July.

All participants are encouraged to bring a parent, grandparent, or guardian. SMV emblems and other farm machinery areas will be discussed.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau office at 309-342-2036.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 6 Marketing Club, 12:30, Pizza Ranch
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 12 Ag Day Breakfast with the Chamber of Commerce, 7 AM, Lake Storey Pavilion
- 13 FFA Acquaintance Night/ YF Mtg, 6 PM, Northgate Lanes
- 14 National Ag Day
- 14 Women in Ag Conference, Jumer's Hotel & Casino, Rock Island
- 14 4-H Foundation Picture Night, KAC
- 19 PrimeTimers, Noon, KAC
- 20 Marketing Club, 12:30, Pizza Ranch
- 21 Education & Outreach Task Force Mtg, 5 PM, KAC
- 21 Task Force Planning Meeting & Dinner, 6 PM, KAC
- 21 Knox County Farm Bureau Board of Directors Mtg, 7 PM, KAC
- 26 Knox Agri-Center Spring Clean-Up, 9 AM, KAC
- 26 Lawn Mower & Tractor Safety School, 6 PM, Martin Sullivan

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

- Patty & Becky Burgin
- Emily & Harry Erickson
- Janeen & Jay Harding
- Blake Hennenfent
- Justin Hoben
- Megan Ingle
- Karla & Davin Johnson
- Carly Kurtz
- Cyle LaFollett
- Colton Miyler
- Brian Palmer
- Lorie Runyon
- Nathan Unger
- Shane Warner
- Kristen Williams
- Mary Joan German Rvoc
- Living Trust

EDUCATION & OUTREACH TASK FORCE MEETING

The Education and Outreach Task Force will meet at 5 pm on Thursday, March 21st at the Knox Agri-Center for a committee meeting. Dinner will

be provided during the 2019 task force planning meeting which starts at 6 pm at the Knox Agri-Center.

ALL MEMBERS INVITED!

Do you want to be more involved in Knox County Farm Bureau programs and events? All members are invited to attend the first planning meeting on March 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the Knox Agri-Center. Dinner will be provided so contact

the office at 309.342.2036 if you'll be attending. We'd love to see you there!

Task Forces are Education and Outreach, Farm Business, Government & Policy, and Member Relations.



KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU

2019

Young Farmers

COVER CROP PROGRAM

application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Bureau ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the Township you would be interested in hosting a 20-acre plot:

Rio	Ontario	Walnut Grove	Lynn
Henderson	Sparta	Copley	Victoria
Galesburg	Knox	Persifer	Truro
Cedar	Orange	Haw Creek	Elba
Indian Point	Chestnut	Maquon	Salem

Based on that 20-acre plot, which situation are you most interested in using cover crops for? (please circle all that apply):

- 1. Nutrient Reduction/Water Retention
- 2. Erosion Control/Stability of Soil
- 3. Grazing (for cattle)
- 4. Reduce Soil Compaction

Please explain the situation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail your application to:  
Knox County Farm Bureau, 180 S Soangetaha Rd,  
Suite 101, Galesburg, IL 61401-5585

Through the Illinois Farm Bureau Nutrient Stewardship Grant, the Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers will be hosting an Experimental Cover Crop Program for Knox County Farm Bureau Members. The objective of this project is to introduce members to the practice of cover crops for their personal and/or business needs.

Twenty farmers from twenty townships (one farmer from each township) will complete an application based on their needs for cover crops. West Central FS will choose an appropriate cover crop seed mix for each resource goal. Application will be performed by the nearest West Central FS location. Applicants will be selected on a first come, first served basis.

**Townships (20):** Rio, Ontario, Walnut Grove, Lynn, Henderson, Sparta, Copley, Victoria, Galesburg, Knox, Persifer, Truro, Cedar, Orange, Haw Creek, Elba, Indian Point, Chestnut, Maquon, Salem

**Cover Crop Categories (4):** Nutrient Reduction/ Water Retention, Erosion Control/ Stability of Soil, Grazing (cattle), Reduction of Soil Compaction

**Pre-Requisites:** Harvest data from 2018, 2019, and 2020 or three to five year average will be required. Must be brand new to using cover crops. Farm Bureau Membership must be paid and active. Do not have to be a current West Central FS customer to participate.

Soil samples will be collected during the process. Samples will be collected in five-acre grids with four samples per twenty-acre plot with mapping and data points.

**Illinois Farm Bureau Policy:**  
Illinois Farm Bureau supports cover crops through different avenues. IFB supports research on soil health, including cover crops. IFB also supports the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy as a voluntary strategy for meeting water quality goals, of which cover crops are one example. In 2016, three Nutrient Stewardship Grants were awarded for projects dealing with cover crops. In 2018, two counties were awarded grants and in 2019, six projects, including Knox County's, were awarded a Nutrient Stewardship Grant to allow farmers the chance learn more about cover crops

Applications are due April 12.

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Members are always welcome at Knox County Farm Bureau's Board of Director meetings. They are held the third Thursday of each month. Please call for times.



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## Farm Gate

by Joanie Stiers

### Modern moms, manure and monarchs

### Mainstream, unusual mix on the farm

You could call me a modern, mainstream mom at times: I use grocery pickup services. The touch of a smartphone app locates my 13-year-old's missing cell phone. And home-delivery subscriptions supply our household's toilet paper and laundry detergent.

Almost equally, abnormality fills my day. For instance, my fitness tracker auto-logged my physical activity to scoop manure from the hen house as "outdoor biking." A few days later, a skunk sprayed near an air-

intake pipe, releasing the signature stench through every furnace duct of our home. And my minivan has more off-road cred than most American SUVs. Routinely, I thumb-rub the back-up camera, removing residue from our sloppy gravel road throughout the thaw of March.

But soon, the furnace will stop running. My Fitbit will track hand-hoeing in the garden as time on an elliptical, and I'll deal with more dust than mud on the minivan doors. About that time, the monarch butterflies will make their comeback, too. It seems an unlikely thought that farmers would ever respect a plant with "weed" in its name. Yet, mainstream, monarch-supporting farmers now welcome milkweed. At our farm, you'll find the traditional weed with its namesake milky sap in cattle pastures, fence lines and grassy knolls.

The last few years, Midwestern farmers collectively have allowed milkweed to proliferate. They join a concerted conservation effort to preserve and plant this crucial food source for the monarch to keep the pollinator off the endangered species list. Mainstream farmers mow around more milkweed. They sometimes intentionally

plant it and let the blossoms seed out, a cringing thought in yesteryear farming.

Consequently, the kids and I more easily find monarch caterpillars munching milkweed in the pasture. Grandma sees more orange-and-black-winged beauties in her flower gardens. A sunflower farmer texted me a photo of hundreds of monarchs attracted to his farmstead. By late last summer, the kids spotted several of them on a single flowering plant in a road ditch near our house.

Mexico – the unofficial monarch authority – has noticed, too. Experts report a 144 percent increase in the population of monarch butterflies wintering in central Mexico compared to last year, according to the Associated Press. The land area that monarchs covered in 2018-19 ranked the largest in more than a decade.

Evidently, butterfly nets would make a good addition to my kids' Easter basket idea list, a digital list accessible from my smartphone.

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.



## 2019 Ag Day For Kids

Mary Beth Bowman

Between the winter storms and school closings Ag Day For Kids happened at Carl Sandburg College on February 8. There were 531 students and their teachers who

took part in the day's activities. The children rotated to nine different stations. The students took part in activities about beef, pork, dairy, corn, soybeans, soil and water, pollinators, careers and enjoyed a petting zoo. Each student and teacher went home with a bag of ag handouts. Thanks to the Knox County



Cattlemen, Knox County Pork Producers, Tara Bohnert Yoder, Knox County Corn Growers, Julie Blunier, Knox County Soil and Water, Teresa Sanford Shipplett, and the local FFA chapters it was a very educational day for Knox County Fourth Graders.

## Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

How well do you know Farm Bureau policy? In order to better understand it, KCFB will run monthly excerpts from the 2019 policy book. Interested in learning more about how our policy system works? It all starts with you! For more info contact the office!

### 19. ATMOSPHERIC QUALITY

#### We support:

1. Policies that keep agriculture viable and address the costs and benefits of those programs using sound, economic analysis.
2. Alternative energy sources which will

minimize atmospheric pollution.

3. Providing incentives to industries seeking to become more energy efficient or to reduce emissions of identifiable atmospheric pollutants.

4. Cooperation of organizations and governments, foreign and domestic, to develop better understanding and research on the implications of atmospheric pollution and the means of preventing it.

5. Providing incentives to individuals seeking to reforest fragile lands that are currently in agricultural production.

6. The development of engines that utilize affordable technology to reduce pollution.

7. Requiring the Illinois Environmental

Protection Agency to use science-based methods when identifying violations for atmospheric pollution.

8. Passage of a Congressional resolution which strips the Environmental Protection Agency of its authority to regulate greenhouse gases.

9. Research on greenhouse gases.

#### We oppose:

1. Restrictions on existing off-road equipment emissions.

2. Any changes in the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards that reduce the availability of trucks.

## RIMSAP & Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program

### Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP)

In 1948, the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) and Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) formed a partnership with a goal of providing doctors in rural communities in Illinois. Since then, RIMSAP has assisted more than 800 students with a recommendation for acceptance and/or loan assistance.

The RIMSAP Board can recommend candidates annually for acceptance to the University of Illinois, College of Medicine. In return for program assistance, applicants must agree to practice medicine in an

approved rural Illinois community for 5 years, and specialize in family practice or another primary health care field.

Applications are due to the Illinois Farm Bureau Program Manager by November 1.

### Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program

Quality health care is a growing need in rural communities and they are not just looking for doctors! This program, which started in 1992, is an effort to encourage and develop a pool of rural health practitioners to help meet the needs of primary care in rural Illinois. Based upon selection by the Scholarship Committee, a grant award of \$4,000 shall be paid directly to the recipient's

educational institution offering the approved nurse practitioner curriculum. Payment shall be made in two installments, the first in September and the second in January of the academic year. Upon each installment, the student agrees to sign a promissory note. Grants are contributed by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP).

Applications are due to the Illinois Farm Bureau Program Manager by May 1. To learn more about the RIMSAP & Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Programs, visit the RIMSAP website or contact Donna Gallivan at 309-557-2350.

## Knox County SWCD Spring Sales

We offer 14 different bare-root tree seedling species, available individually, in bundles, or packages, soil testing kits, Plantskydd, tree guards, and fertilizer tabs available for pre-order until Friday, March 15, 2019. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Friday, April 26, 2019 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the office, 233 S Soangetaha Rd.

Need to re-stock your pond? The District offers nine different fish species for pre-order until Monday, April 8, 2019 for grass carp orders and Monday, April 15, 2019 for all other species. Order pick-up will be Tuesday,

April 23, 2013 beginning at 10 a.m. at the office.

The District offers 12 varieties of native prairie plant plugs and a selection of 4 grass plugs. All are sold for \$2.75 per plug. Pre-orders are due by Monday, April 1, 2019. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the office.

All order forms are available:

- in the SWCD Winter/Spring 2019 newsletter,
- at the District office 233 S. Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg, IL or

- online at <http://knoxcountyswcd.tripod.com>

For more information, please call (309) 342-5138 ext. 3 or email to [nicole.miller@il.nacdn.net](mailto:nicole.miller@il.nacdn.net)

## AG IN A DAY

June 11- Galesburg  
June 12- Alexis

The schedule is still being finalized for this fantastic opportunity for teachers! The cost to attend is \$10 per day and will include lunch and refreshments for both days. Teachers are invited to attend either course, or whatever date and location is most convenient.

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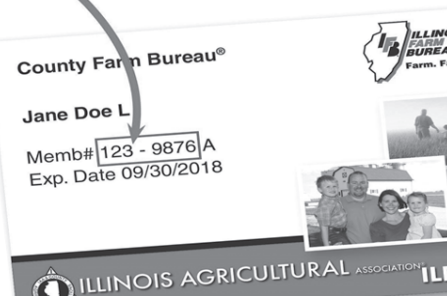
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## It's Important To Keep Your Insurance Up To Date

Disaster can strike at any time. Without warning you could lose your home, your possessions and even your life in a fire, tornado or other disaster. It's important to protect yourself and your family by having adequate insurance coverage.

It's best to review your insurance policies with an insurance representative every year or two to make sure you have adequate coverage for your home, auto or life.

To help review property, periodically inventory your personal property so the insurance amounts are adequate. Being underinsured may result in a claim payment less than the loss sustained.

Documentation is of the utmost importance, so it's essential to have a complete inventory of valuable items you own. This will help you in filing a claim. Inventories and the resulting insurance amount should be reviewed especially whenever significant changes are made.

If you suffer a major loss, such as a dwelling fire, an insurance company is going to ask you for a complete list of your lost personal property. It's better to be prepared by completing a list now, rather than having to construct a list after the loss.

The most preferable way to inventory your personal property is by completing a written inventory. Photographs and videotapes of each room in your home may also help to establish an inventory.

High value items such as antiques, jewelry, furs and collectibles should be appraised. Then discuss with your financial representative the merits of specifically insuring those items in your policy.

It makes sense to review your insurance to see if you have adequate coverage. It also doesn't hurt to look at ways to make your premium dollars work more efficiently. You can save money by increasing your deductibles and assuming more of the initial part of the loss.

You should also review your life, health and disability income insurance policies to ensure that the futures of you, your spouse and your family are protected in case of an emergency.

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## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on February 21, 2019.

**Education & Outreach – Hailey Weyhrich**  
On March 12, the Ag Day Breakfast will be held with the Chamber of Commerce at the Lake Storey Pavilion. IFB has awarded the event \$750 for the Consumer Engagement Grant.

**Farm Business – Jarid Cain**  
The 2018 Plat Book is available and is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. We now have Peoria County Plat Books available in the office for purchase.

**Government and Policy – Joe Webel**  
Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference had several KCFB representatives present.

**Member Relations – Matt Hennenfent**  
KCFB members are kindly asked to pay their dues as the Membership Year starts March 1st.

**Foundation – Hailey Weyhrich**  
Scholarship and Internship applications will be reviewed at the February meeting.

**PrimeTimers – Hailey Weyhrich**  
The February meeting was held at the Knox Agri-Center and 18 committee members attended. Sally McClure spoke about The Emiquon Preserve and Ellie Repp spoke about production at Sharp Mountain Hops. Also, the 2019 programs and hosts were arranged after a catered lunch. The March

meeting is set for Tuesday, March 19th.

**Young Farmers – Jeff Grady**  
The Young Farmers have been awarded \$5,000 for their cover crop introduction program through the Illinois Farm Bureau Nutrient Stewardship Grant. The FFA Acquaintance Night has been reschedule for March 13 at 6PM. West Central FS will once again be sponsoring the event.

**KAC – Terry Boydston**  
The solar building light system will be installed the end of February.

**OLD BUSINESS**  
The 2019 KCFB Annual Meeting viewpoint survey results were reviewed. A tire/oil collection event was discussed. Cedar Creek Hall worked well and has been reserved for 1/18/2020.

The Governmental Affairs conference was discussed, and the keynote speaker had mixed reviews.

**NEW BUSINESS**  
The 2019 4-H Show trophy sponsorships will be the same as 2018.

The Legislative Breakfast/Luncheon event planning is underway.

Director training is available in Bloomington on August 7th.

A health fair event was discussed.

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



## Hailey's Manager Update

March is such a great month! We get to celebrate National Ag Day on the 14, Spring is a little closer, and planting is approaching which means things will start growing! Not only will the grass and plants be growing, but so will our programs after our Program of Work Board Meeting this month. Our volunteers never cease to amaze me with all the ideas they come up with to promote agriculture and provide benefits to our members. I know our Task Forces and Young Farmers are working on some great ideas for this new year and are

excited to share them with you all. Of course, we will be doing the same Farm Bureau programs you love, like events at the County Fair and the Steve Johnson seminar. If you ever have ideas of programs we should host or benefits we should add, feel free to stop by the office and let Jackie or me know!



## Don Teel Scholarship

The Don Teel Scholarship is a product of many who were privileged to experience the contribution Don made to agriculture. Members of Knox County agricultural organizations and individuals have joined together in hopes of helping provide an opportunity for young people to pursue higher education in an agricultural or related field.

Each year applicants will be considered for one \$500 scholarship. Applicants must have a home address within Knox County and be a past or present 4-H member. They must be enrolled as a full-time student in a university or community college with a declared agriculture or related course of study. Applications are available at the Knox County Farm Bureau. Completed applications must be submitted no later than May 31, 2019 to the Knox County Farm Bureau.

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- Pond treatment.
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## Max and Frances Sanford Memorial Scholarship 2019

Offered By: The Knox County Soil & Water Conservation District

**Applications Due : April 1st, 2019**

- \* The scholarship is offered to a Knox County resident who is pursuing a career in Agriculture or an Environmental related field. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, submit an application with current transcripts (**REQUIRED**) and write an essay on "What Conservation means to you and how do you plan to incorporate Conservation into your Future Plans?"



Scholarship applications can be found at the District office 233 S. Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg, or online at <http://knoxcountyswcd.tripod.com>. For questions contact the district office at (309) 342-5138 ext. 3

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Knox Agri-Center Condominium Board President Pat Hennenfent, right, awarded the late Bruce Johnson with the 2018 Meritorious Service to Agriculture Award. Bruce's wife Andrea and Bruce's father Howard accepted the award at the 2019 KCFB Annual Meeting. Bruce spent his whole life advocating for agriculture, Farm Bureau and Knox County until his passing from glioblastoma in December 2018.



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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## March is Poisoning Prevention Month

March is Poisoning Prevention Month, and this year the Knox County Health Department is shining a light on Lead Poisoning Prevention! Lead poisoning is always dangerous, and entirely preventable. Learn what you can do to stop you or your children from coming into contact with lead.

Lead is toxic because it tricks the body into thinking that it is calcium, which is important to help your body function. While lead is unsafe for everyone, it is especially dangerous to pregnant women and children under the age of 6. Pregnant women can pass lead to the baby or cause serious pregnancy issues, while children's brains and nervous systems are very sensitive to the damaging effects of lead. Growing bones absorb more lead than an adult, and children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths that are lead-contaminated.

Lead poisoning can cause many health problems, including weight loss, vomiting, dizziness, irritability, behavioral disorders, poor bone, and muscle growth, tiredness, headaches, difficulty concentrating, damage to the nervous system, kidneys, and/or hearing, speech problems, learning disorders, and developmental delays. Extremely high lead levels can cause seizures, unconsciousness, and death.

Knox County is high risk for lead poisoning because 81% of homes were built before lead-based paint was banned in 1978 and banned for use in water lines in 1986. 14.4% of children in Knox County showed high levels during lead screening according to the 2015 Lead Surveillance Report by the Illinois Department of Public Health, which is 6 times higher than the state average.

Illinois recently changed the lead intervention level from 10 µg/dL to 5 µg/dL. Children who test at or above 5 µg/dL will receive a home visit from a public health nurse to learn ways to lower the blood lead level and reduce lead exposure, and environmental health will conduct a home visit to find the source(s) of the child's lead exposure. If a home has lead, the owner will receive a notice, and they will have to remove the lead from their home as quickly as possible, with a follow-up inspection from the health department to make sure that the lead was removed entirely.

Illinois law requires that all children be screened for lead when entering kindergarten or a licensed child-care facility. Children on Medicaid, ALL Kids, or WIC are also required to be tested at 12 months and 24 months. Illinois has one of the highest testing rates in the country, however many children here, and nationwide, are still falling through the cracks and remaining untested. Some doctors don't order the tests or are unaware of the rules; children miss appointments or parents don't follow up, and Medicaid and health departments can do very little to enforce blood lead testing requirements.

If your home was built before 1978 and you think that your house has lead-based paint; regularly check for chipping paint and carefully clean paint chips up right away with a damp paper towel, discard them in the trash, then wipe the surface clean with a new wet paper towel. Wipe down flat surfaces (walls, doors, stairs, and window sills) weekly with a damp paper towel, and mop floors using a wet mop to control lead dust being introduced into the air. Check the exterior of your home, including porches and fences, for flaking or deteriorating lead-based paint that may contaminate soil in your yard or be tracked into your house, and clean or remove your shoes before entering your home to keep out lead from dirt or worksites.

If you have kids, wash your hands and your children's hands often, especially before they eat, before nap time and before bedtime. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys, and stuffed animals regularly. Keep children from chewing window sills, or other painted things, or eating soil. Another way to protect your kids is to make sure they eat meals high in iron, and calcium, so their bodies absorb less lead.

If you are concerned about lead in your water lines: Hot water picks up more lead from the pipes, so use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. If you haven't used your water in the last 6 hours, flush the pipes by running the tap for 2 minutes, or taking a shower, doing laundry, etc. Regularly clean your faucet's screen (also known as an aerator), and if you use a filter, don't forget to change it.

Other items that may lead to lead poisoning are painted toys, furniture, and jewelry that are from overseas, from an antique store or are heirlooms, as well as lead crystal or lead-glazed pottery or porcelain. Cosmetics and home remedies (since they aren't heavily regulated for safety and have tested positive for lead in the past), and imported food, spices, and candies from countries with fewer lead restrictions may also be a risk.

People who work with lead (such as in battery recycling, construction, and renovation, radiator repair, making pottery or stained glass, etc.) may bring lead into the home on their clothes or in their cars, and should wash their work clothes separate from everything else. Avoiding handling food or touching your mouth or face while working with lead materials and washing hands before eating or drinking is also very important. People refinishing older furniture, using lead fishing sinkers, or having contact with ammunition should also take precautions.

For more information please contact the Knox County Health Department at 309.344.2224.

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## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



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Jason Lumberry

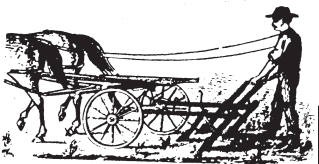
## PRIMETIMERS NEWS

The February meeting was held at the Knox Agri-Center and 18 committee members attended. Sally McClure spoke about The Emiquon Preserve and Ellie Repp spoke about production at Sharp Mountain Hops. Also, the 2019 programs and hosts were

arranged after a catered lunch. The March meeting is set for Tuesday, March 19th. The potluck will begin at noon, so please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. The PrimeTimers invite all members 55+ to attend.



# Looking Back



### TAKEN FROM THE MARCH 1949 BULLETIN

Mr. Earl Smith of Detroit, Illinois, was the principle speaker at the first special meeting of the membership ever to be called by the Knox County Farm Bureau. He was called to serve on the Illinois Highway and Traffic Problems Commission by governor of Illinois.

### TAKEN FROM THE MARCH 1959 BULLETIN

Only two Illinois farm boys out of five in the high school graduating class of 1959 will find an opportunity to become farm operators! ...about 4,000 new farm operators normally need to enter farming each year to replace older farmers who die, retire or enter other work. However, about one-third of these farming opportunities are absorbed as other farms enlarge. So, instead of 4,000 farming opportunities, there are only about 2,700.

### TAKEN FROM THE MARCH 1969 BULLETIN

More than 450 bowlers took part in the state finals of the Illinois Farm Sports Festival bowling competition at Springfield's Strike-N-Spare Lanes. Entries in the state tournament represented 78 Illinois county Farm Bureaus. The Illinois Farm Sports Festival is sponsored by Illinois Agricultural Association and the 99 Illinois county Farm Bureaus. In addition to bowling, the sports festival will provide coopetition in basketball, trap shoot, softball, swimming, diving, golf, horseshoes, tennis and 4-H physical fitness.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



### Salmon Mousse Canapes

#### Ingredients

2 English cucumbers  
1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened  
1/2 pound smoked salmon or lox  
1 tablespoon 2% milk  
1 teaspoon lemon-pepper seasoning  
1 teaspoon snipped fresh dill  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream  
Additional snipped fresh dill

#### Directions

Peel strips from cucumbers to create a

decorative edge; cut cucumbers into 1/2-in. slices. Using a melon baller, remove a small amount of cucumber from the center, leaving the bottom intact.

Place the cream cheese, salmon, milk, lemon pepper and dill in a food processor; cover and process until blended. Transfer to a small bowl and season with salt and pepper. In another bowl, beat cream until stiff peaks form. Fold into salmon mixture.

Pipe or dollop mousse onto cucumber slices; garnish with dill. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

*Taken from tasteofhome.com*

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

## ~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~

To place ads in the Bulletin or on the website, you must be a Knox County Farm Bureau member. Call 309-342-2036 or e-mail us at [jreed@knoxcfb.org](mailto:jreed@knoxcfb.org) by the last Friday of each month to place the ad.

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