

# Bulletin

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

Meet the candidates running for the 74th State District Representative position on Monday, February 29th in the Knox Agri Center. The event will begin with introductions at 8:00 a.m. The following candidates will be present: Bill Butts (D), Mike DeSutter (R), Wayne Saline (R), and Daniel Swanson (R). Each candidate will provide a 10-minute presentation, followed by 5-minutes of question from the audience. At the end, all of the candidates will be available for a reception in which one-on-one questions may be addressed. No reservation is required, and the event is open to the public.

## KNOX COUNTY FARM BUREAU HOLDS ITS 98TH ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, January 16th, nearly 150 members and guests of the Knox County Farm Bureau gathered at the Lake Storey Pavilion, in Galesburg for the 98th Annual Meeting of the Knox County Farm Bureau. The morning began with attendees getting the opportunity to bid on over 40 silent auction items.

The business meeting began at 10:00 a.m. with ROWVA and Farmington FFA members presenting the colors. Introductions of guests and members of the Board of Directors and their spouses immediately followed. Representative Don Moffitt, Representative Norine



The Meritorious Award for Agriculture Excellence was awarded to Teresa Sanford-Shipplett.

Hammond and Senator Chuck Weaver were recognized and addressed the crowd.

Each year, a COUNTRY Financial Representative is recognized for Membership Recruiter of the Year. Recognition was given to Jason Lumberry this year as the top recruiter. Jason signed 38 new associate members during 2015. We thank all the COUNTRY Financial Representatives, staff, and Agency Manager, Mike Weber, for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Knox County Farm Bureau also recognized members who joined the organization 50 years ago. This year, there were five members who joined in 1966; Ms. Martha Brown, Mr. Mike Hennenfent, Mr. Steve Mosher, Mr. Curtis Palmer, Mr. Glenn Stevens, and each received a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Mike Hennenfent addressed the crowd sharing how the Farm Bureau has impacted his life.

The Meritorious Award for Agriculture Excellence was awarded to Teresa Sanford-Shipplett. Teresa has served as an Agriculture-in-the-Classroom Coordinator for almost 10 years. "Ms. Aggie", as she is called

by the students in Knox County, has seen over 2,000 kids this past year and presented over 1,000 programs to pre-school and elementary children.

KCFB Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski gave comments from the past year and KCFB President Tim Main addressed the crowd with the President's report.

The Young Farmers Committee held a county township fundraiser and in total earned \$591. The township which donated the most funds in the fundraiser was Indian Point. The money will be donated to area food banks in Knox County.

Following the business meeting, the live auction was conducted by Auctioneer Jim Folger. Over \$5,200 was raised from the live and silent auction and the money will directly benefit the Ag in the Classroom program



KCFB Board Director Monica Stevens presents her father Glenn Stevens with a certificate celebrating Glenn's 50 year Knox County Farm Bureau membership.



KCFB Board Director Matt Hennenfent presents his father Mike Hennenfent with a certificate celebrating Mike's 50 year Knox County Farm Bureau membership.

through the Knox County Farm Bureau Foundation. Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased items. It was a huge success again this year thanks to everyone who contributed to the great cause.

The morning concluded with a lunch buffet and a final opportunity to bid on silent auction items. Thank you to everyone in attendance at the meeting and who helped make the day a success.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 16 PrimeTimers, 12 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 16 Annie's Project 1 of 6, 5:30 PM, Warren-Henderson CFB
- 17 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St Pizza Hut
- 18 Annie's Project 2 of 6, 5:30 PM, Warren-Henderson CFB
- 18 KCFB Board Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 19 Ag Day for Kids, 8:50 AM, Carl Sandburg College
- 23 Annie's Project 3 of 6, 5:30 PM, Warren-Henderson CFB
- 23 KCFB Foundation, 6:30 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 23 Knox Agri Center Board, 7:30 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 25 Annie's Project 4 of 6, 5:30 PM, Warren-Henderson CFB
- 26 Teen Leadership Summit, 8:30 AM, Carl Sandburg College
- 27 HCE Class Day, Carl Sandburg College
- 29 Meet the Candidates, 8:00 AM, Knox Agri Center

### MARCH

- 1 Annie's Project 5 of 6, 5:30 PM, Warren-Henderson CFB
- 2 Marketing Club, 12:30 PM, E. Main St Pizza Hut
- 3 Annie's Project 6 of 6, 5:30 PM, Warren-Henderson CFB
- 8 Annie's Project-snow date, 5:30 PM, Warren-Henderson CFB
- 10 KCFB Task Force Meeting, 6 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 10 KCFB Board Meeting, 7 PM, Knox Agri Center
- 14 Tractor & Lawnmower Safety School, 6 PM, Martin Sullivan
- 15 Market & Weather Outlook, 6 PM, American Legion Monmouth
- 17 Women in Ag Conference Evening Programming, 6 PM, Jumer's Casino, RI
- 18 Women in Ag Conference, 8 AM, Jumer's Casino & Hotel, Rock Island
- 22 Legislative Lunch, 12 PM, Packinghouse
- 25 KCFB Office Closed – Good Friday

### Welcome New Members

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

Lori & Richard Benefiel, Galesburg  
Krisann Benson, Williamsfield  
Gladys Bloomberg, Galesburg  
Jessica & Gabriel Cansino, Rio  
Stefanie & Nicholas Gidmark, Galesburg  
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Troy Jones, Maquon  
John O'Connor, Wataga  
Justin Sams, Williamsfield  
Meggie & Matthew Thielbert, Galesburg



The 2015 KCFB Board of Directors gathered for the 98th KCFB Annual Meeting. Pictured seated (L-R) Grant Strom, Becky King, Monica Stevens, Lori Engel, Tara Yoder, Tim Main, front row standing (L-R) Jarid Cain, Jim DeSutter, Terry Boydston, Pat Seiboldt, Matt Hennenfent, Tom O'Connor, Todd West, Jeff Link, back row standing (L-R) Brett Swanson, Tom Hoben, Beau Bewley, Nathan Link, Sam Serven, Joe Webel, David S. Erickson.

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### **Star-struck with no celebrities in sight**

The 24-mile trip between my in-laws' house and our own on a recent January evening seemed something out of a child's "I Spy" book. The book pages would illustrate the clear, crisp darkness of a winter night in a remote location. Lots of farmland, a 325-resident village and a few rural homes lie between our hometowns. Among the spy-worthy material to list: four grazing

deer, two squirrely kids, their reaction to the stench of a skunk, and the reflective eyes of the neighbor's barn cat on its nightly prow. But most unique of all on this evening tour: a falling star.

The kids missed the brief event as they squirmed within the seatbelt confines of our minivan's middle row. They wiggled and giggled, wired on the marshmallows that concluded our evening's fireplace wiener roast. Our son wanted to know what the falling star looked like. Our daughter asked scientific questions beyond my expertise. A Google search at home revealed the falling star rather represented a meteorite burning through the atmosphere. A less romantic answer than I had hoped for, but the stunning, starry showcase on that clear night made up for it.

The view of the night sky in unpolluted darkness ranks one of the most amazing and marvelous features of farm country living. I hope for cloudless nights on evenings that someone in our household fails to close up the hen house before dark. I gaze upward as I walk toward the chore. Even with as many times as I have experienced the glittery expanse, I still seem like Taylor Swift

gawking at her audience in astonishment at every concert. "Wow, the sky is amazing, Oskee," I tell our yellow lab, who loyally trots alongside. The vastness of this visual feast impresses me every time, just as it does my city cousins when they visit the farm.

A fellow farm woman who lives on one of the oldest family farms in our county once told me she loves to fall asleep looking at the stars from her upstairs bedroom. Apparently, she sleeps with the curtains drawn, but that's acceptable. Their location defines "middle of nowhere" as well as any place around here.

In my desire to identify more than the Big Dipper, I once downloaded a star gazing app on my iPod with little success. It simply proves more impressive, relaxing and uncomplicated to stare into infinity with the naked eye. In fact, during the summer, the kids and I camp one night in the yard, in part, to view the stars. We see the stationary stars and the "moving" ones (satellites and planes). I expect our kids will spy a burning meteor with their little eyes one day, too.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers, a wife and mother of two young kids, writes from her home office and works in her family's farm office in West-Central Illinois.*

## **ILLINOIS AGRICULTURAL GROUPS TO HOLD 'MEET THE BUYERS' EVENT FOR FARMERS**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Farmers throughout Illinois are invited to attend a Meet the Buyers event to meet local and regional food buyers March 22, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, 273 Dearborn Court, Geneva.

Meet the Buyers events are an opportunity for farmers to hear directly from buyers about what it takes to do business with their organizations. Buyers representing retail grocery stores and chains, foodservice distributors, wholesalers and others are invited to participate.

"Farmers will hear from several buyers and meet with them one-on-one so they can begin building working relationships," said Cynthia Haskins, manager of business development and compliance, Illinois Farm Bureau. "It's

an excellent opportunity for both farmers and retailers."

The following organizations are partnering to support the one-day event: Illinois Farm Bureau, Kane County Farm Bureau, Illinois Department of Agriculture, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Illinois Specialty Growers Association, and several surrounding county Farm Bureaus and University of Illinois Extension offices.

"This event is popular among farmers and buyers," Haskins said. "More than 600 farmers have been able to link up with more than 100 decision makers among the grocery and foodservice industries."

Farmers are encouraged to bring business cards and any handouts they have about their

farming operation to share with buyers.

The event is \$15 for Farm Bureau members and \$20 for nonmembers. For online registration and more information, please visit <http://www.ilfb.org> and select the News and Events tab, Conferences and Events, then the March 22, 2016 Meet the Buyers Event.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of more than 400,000 and a voting membership of more than 82,000. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.



### **Market & Weather Outlook Meeting**

On March 15, 2016, Naomi Blohm of Stewart-Peterson and Mike McClellan of Mobile Weather will be speaking at the Monmouth Legion. The meeting starts at 6 PM and the cost is \$5 per person; which includes dinner. Call the Knox County Farm Bureau to make your reservation at 309-342-2036.

## **KIDS FARM SAFETY CAMP SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016 Knox County Fairgrounds**

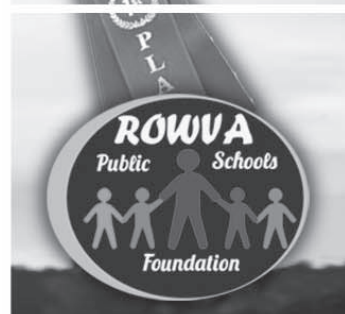
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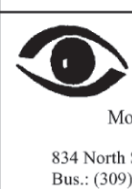
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## When Winter Covers Your Roof, Make Sure to Cover Your Home

A roof covered high in snow might provide the perfect backdrop for your holiday card photo or a soft landing pad for Santa and his sleigh. But a serious risk to your home and family may be lurking beneath that beautiful bed of white. Heavy snow and ice buildup can routinely cause roof collapses. Even partial collapses can cause extensive damage to the interior contents of a home or business. And you’re not out of the storm when warmer weather begins to roll in. Rain on top of snow can significantly add to the weight on your roof, and poor drainage can mean interior flooding. As little as 6 inches of snow packed on your roof could cause major damage to your home—and your wallet. Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) research shows about \$1 of every \$5 paid for home and business property losses in recent years has

stemmed from damage due to freezing weather, snow and water leaks. With many areas of the country witnessing record snowfall and the wintry season lasting longer, the risk factors for roof and home damage could be snowballing. The IBHS has some guidelines to help you determine the risk posed to your home and roof. First, the age and design of your roof are major factors:

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

Fresh snow is two to four times lighter than old snow, so your roof could hold up to four feet of fresh snow safely. But new snow on top of old snow can multiply the risk of collapse. Ice mixed with snow is

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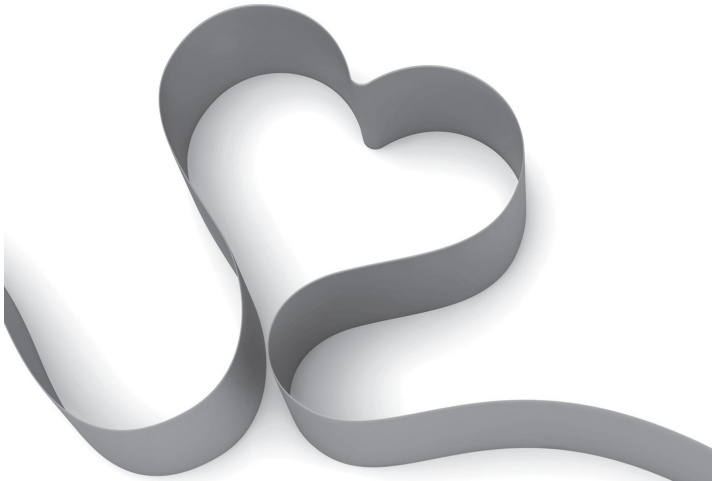
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extremely heavy—just one inch of ice can weigh as much as 12 inches of fresh snow. To be safe, consider hiring a licensed roof contractor to remove any snowfall over two feet. To help reduce the risk of roof damage and flooding during the winter, take these preventative measures throughout the rest of the year:

- Clear roof valleys and gutters of debris in the fall.
- Caulk all cracks and openings in the foundation.
- Inspect downspouts. They should carry water at least five feet away from

foundation walls.

- Ensure that the surrounding landscape is graded away from your home.
- If applicable, test sump pumps before the wet season. Install a battery backup system. If you do not have a sump pump in your basement, consider having a professional install a system with battery backup.

Most home insurance plans cover roof collapse, but many older policies may not. So don’t let your family get left out in the cold. Check with your COUNTRY Financial representative to make sure your home and family are covered.

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016

### WOMENS COMMITTEE – Lori Engel

The Plan of Work (POW) was reviewed during the meeting.

### YOUNG FARMERS – Caitlin Chrzanowski

10 young farmers are attending the Illinois Young Leader Conference.

58 FFA students attended the FFA acquaintance night held at Northgate Lanes.

### MEMBER RELATIONS TASK FORCE – Brett Swanson

The Membership report was reviewed.

### GOVERNMENT & POLICY TASK FORCE – Jim DeSutter

A legislative luncheon is scheduled for March 22nd.

### FARM BUSINESS TASK FORCE – Todd West

Business After Hours event with the

Chamber will be on March 31, 2016 at 156 East starting at 5 pm.

### EDUCATION – Monica Stevens

Farm Safety Camp is on June 25, 2016 at the fairgrounds.

### PRIMETIMERS – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The Plan of Work (POW) was reviewed during the meeting.

### FOUNDATION – Caitlin Chrzanowski

The silent and live auctions at the KCFB Annual Meeting raised over \$5,200. Thank you to all donors and our generous members.

### AGRI CENTER – Grant Strom

The Meritorious Service to Agriculture Award was given to Teresa Sanford-Shipplett at the KCFB Annual Meeting.

### ILLINOIS FARM FAMILIES – Lori Engel

Like the Knox Warren-Henderson Illinois Farm Families page on Facebook!

### OLD BUSINESS

56 surveys were turned in at annual meeting. The live and silent auction raised over \$5,200. The Auditor Jennifer Coombs was present to discuss the 2015 Audit.

### NEW BUSINESS

The election for the Knox County Farm Bureau officers for 2016-2017 was conducted with the following results: President: Grant Strom, Vice President: Terry Boydston, Secretary: David S. Erickson, Treasurer: Jarid Cain.

The Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference is April 6-7, 2016. Tim Main will be the ACTIVATOR representative for the 37th district. A multi-county candidate forum event will be planned for the end of February. Farmington and ROWVA FFA chapter students presented the colors to start the KCFB annual meeting.

## Board Meeting Attendance

NAME	November	December	January
Bewley, Beau	P	P	P
Boydston, Terry	P	P	P
Cain, Jarid	P	P	P
DeSutter, Jim	A	P	P
Engel, Lori	P	P	P
Erickson, David S	P	P	P
Hennenfent, Matt	P	P	A
Hoben, Tom	P	P	P
King, Becky	P	A	P
Link, Jeff	P	P	P
Link, Nathan	P	P	P
Main, Tim	P	P	P
O’Connor, Tom	P	P	P
Serven, Sam	P	P	A
Seiboldt, Pat	A	P	A
Stevens, Monica	P	P	P
Strom, Grant	P	P	P
Swanson, Brett	P	P	P
Webel, Joe	A	P	P
West, Todd	P	P	A
Yoder, Tara	P	P	A
C - Cancelled			



## Sweet 16 for Yoder

(taken from Deana Stroisch's article in FarmWeek)

With so much talent among Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders, Tara Bohnert Yoder said it was a "surreal honor" to represent the state in the national discussion meet.

Knox County's Tara Yoder of Gilson represented Illinois in the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) Young Farmer & Rancher Discussion Meet in Orlando, Florida in early January.

"The competition was tough with 36 states bringing in their own interpretation and personal experiences with topics," she said. "Top 16 is a huge accomplishment for someone that had never participated or watched a discussion meet until this year. There are always should haves, would haves and could haves, but I hope I did my home state proud."

Yoder's discussion topics included new technology, how to get the public to support right-to-farm laws and how to balance agriculture's water needs while maintaining vibrant communities.

The competition is designed to simulate a committee meeting. Judges evaluate participants on how that assist the group in creating ways to implement solutions and highlight Farm Bureau's involvement.

During the discussion on right-to-farm laws, Yoder emphasized that new laws at the state or federal level would be burdensome to farmers. "Let's face it, in agriculture, it's certainly time that we start playing offense and stop playing defense," she said. "Farm Bureau is already working hand in hand with other outreach groups



**Tara Yoder representing Illinois in top 16 during the AFBF Young Leaders Discussion Meet.**

that have voluntary programs in place that can protect our farmers going into the future. It's our responsibility to be proactive in these initiatives."

Yoder, the Jersey marketing manager for Alta Genetics, grew up in Rock Island County on her family's grain, hog and Jersey dairy farm. She and her husband, Eric, have two daughters.

"As I age out of the young leader program, I am looking forward to opportunities to stay a valuable member of the Farm Bureau family and use my discussion meet experience as a reason for others to go get involved," she said.

## E85 in Galesburg

On Tuesday, January 26th the Hy-Vee convenience store on Henderson opened their first E-85 pump which is also the first E-85 pump for Galesburg. A kickoff was held on Friday, January 29th to help celebrate the addition of E85.

The pump will be open for use 24 hours a day 7 days a week and will run cheaper than their normal fuels. In addition, customers will be able to use their Fuel Saver cards from Hy-Vee to increase their savings even further. Hy-Vee, Big River Resources, the Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Growth Energy, and the American Lung Association of Illinois worked together to bring E85 to the area.

**What is E85?** E85 is a fuel blend of up to 85% ethanol and gasoline which is designed to be used in flexible fuel vehicles. Ethanol burns cleaner than gasoline and is completely renewable. The greatest part of ethanol is that is produced domestically from grain products produced by our very own farmers! Some estimate by 2030 ethanol and other biofuels could replace 30% or more of the gasoline demand for the United States.

**Who can use E85?** To use E85 you need to own a Flex Fuel vehicle which is a vehicle that is specifically designed to use a higher percentage of ethanol. These are cars built specifically to utilize gasoline or ethanol blended fuels such as E85. Today there are more than 17.4 million Flex Fuel vehicles on the road in the United States. Most, but not all, Flex Fuel vehicles are labeled with an exterior badge. Check your car, you may be driving a Flex Fuel vehicle and not even know it.

**How to locate an E85 pump?** If you are looking to find more E85 stations in the area the Illinois Corn Marketing Board recommends [e85prices.com](http://e85prices.com). This website allows you to locate E85 pumps near you and also lists prices submitted by other users.

We thank Hy-Vee for taking the initiative to bring E85 to the area. Help support our local farmers, our environment, and our economy and use E85.



**Dave Loos, Business & Technology Director for Illinois Corn Growers Association; Mike DeSutter, President of West Central FS and Republican Candidate for 74th District State Representative; The Honorable Don Moffitt, 74th District State Representative; Terry Boydston, Vice President of Knox County Farm Bureau; Ron Noble, Board Director Knox County Corn Growers Association; Tom Mueller, District 3 Director for Illinois Corn Marketing Board; Jim Purlee, Owner of Purlee Farms and Board Director for Big River Resources, LLC; Brett Swanson, President of Knox County Corn Growers Association; Mack Foster, Board Director of Knox County Corn Growers Association; and Drew DeSutter Board Director of Knox County Corn Growers Association.**

## Lawn Mower & Tractor Safety School Scheduled

The Knox County Farm Bureau Young Farmers invite all 4-H and FFA members to attend the Lawn Mower & Tractor Safety School on Monday, March 14 at Martin Sullivan in 1910 Knox Road 560 E., Galesburg. Registration will begin at 5:30 pm and the class will start promptly at 6:00.

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.

## Save the Date

### WOMEN in AGRICULTURE

March 18, 2016

A conference designed just for women involved in agriculture!

The keynote speaker is Laura Daniels, a mother, wife, farmer, dairy consultant, and agriculture advocate. At Heartwood Farm, in Cobb, Wisconsin, Laura and her husband, Jarred, take great joy in teaching their two children their values as they work together. Laura serves as General Manager in charge of day-to-day operation of the 300 Jersey cow farm. She is the Founder of the newly formed Dairy Girl Network, a networking group for dairy women across the United States helping them connect and succeed. While active with many local, state and national organizations, her pride is being a Coach of the Iowa County 4-H Dairy Judging team for 15 years. Her barn office is her advocacy headquarters, where she takes time each day to spread pro-agriculture messages. She also hits the road to deliver pro-ag and motivational speeches across the country, inspiring many to find their passion, build their skills and have confidence to tell their story.

**The event is set for Friday, March 18, 2016 at Jumer's Casino and Hotel in Rock Island. The day will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude around 4:00 p.m.**

For more information, "like" our Facebook page "**Women in Agriculture Conference**" or visit our website at [www.womeninagricultureconference.com](http://www.womeninagricultureconference.com).

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You can lower your risk of cardiovascular disease by eating foods low in total fat, saturated fat and cholesterol, or by eating a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grain products. Maintaining a healthy weight by eating healthy or incorporating physical activity into your daily routine are also steps you can take to lower chances of heart disease. Start today with small, simple actions like:

**Love your heart with a checkup:** Let each birthday remind you that it’s time for your yearly checkup and a talk with your doctor about how you can reduce your risk for heart disease. If you don’t have a doctor contact the Knox County Community Health Center for more information.

**Get off the couch:** Walk, jog, or play the Wii with your kids for at least 30 minutes most days of the week.

**Quit smoking:** Can’t go “cold

turkey”? Cut the number of cigarettes you smoke each day in half; then cut that number in half; cut it in half again; finally, cut down to zero or call the Illinois Tobacco Quitline at 1-866-784-8937, it’s FREE.

**Drop a pound or two:** Cutting out just 200 to 300 calories a day — about one candy bar’s worth — can help you lose up to two pounds per week and gradually bring you closer to a heart-healthy weight.

**Become a salt detective:** Check out the Nutrition Facts panel on packaged foods to see how much salt they contain. Aim for a total intake of no more than 2,300 milligrams (about a teaspoon of salt) per day.

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



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## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER OF THE MONTH



Jason Lumbergy

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Jason Lumbergy as top membership recruiter. Jason signed 4 new associate members in January.

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Pop Hearts

#### Ingredients

- 1 ready to unroll piecrust
- 1 large egg
- 4 tbsp. raspberry jam

#### Directions

1. Preheat the oven 425 degrees F. Line a jelly-roll pan with parchment paper.
2. Unroll the piecrust and cut into 8 rectangles/hearts. Use a small heart-shaped cookie cutter to stamp out smaller hearts on 4 peekaboo tops. Brush edges with egg.
3. Spread 1 heaping teaspoon
4. Bake 10-13 minutes or until golden. Transfer to wire racks to cool.



raspberry jam in the center of the 4 solid rectangles. Put peekaboo crusts on top; seal the edges by crimping them with a fork. Transfer to prepared jelly-roll pan.

4. Bake 10-13 minutes or until golden. Transfer to wire racks to cool.

*Taken from womensday.com*

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

## CLASSIFIEDS

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 [jreedy@knoxcfb.org](mailto:jreedy@knoxcfb.org) by the last Friday of each month to place the ad.

**FOR SALE:** 2015 feed oats, \$3.50/bushel. Wheat straw, square bales, \$5/bale. Call 309-230-7227 or 309-875-3051. 2/16

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### PRIMETIMERS NEWS

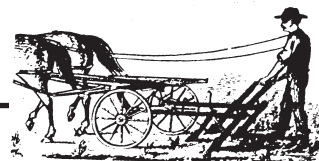
The PrimeTimers committee met in January to plan their program of work for 2016. 10 committee members and KCFB Manager Caitlin Chrzanowski attended the lunch. The next meeting is Tuesday, February 16 at 12 PM at the Knox Agri Center and Master Gardener Jim Stanley will be speaking. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass to this potluck meeting. PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to attend.



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### TAKEN FROM THE FEBRUARY 1969 BULLETIN

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### TAKEN FROM THE FEBRUARY 1976 BULLETIN

On January 27, the Knox County Farm Bureau and the Knox County Supply Company held its 58th annual meeting. About 315 people ate a very delicious meal, followed by the business meeting. Following the meeting, Harold B. Steele, Illinois Farm Bureau President, spoke on the sales mission to the Eastern European countries. Mr. Steele's speech proved to be very interesting and informative.

### NURSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE

Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau® Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program. There will be five scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, granted this year.

The scholarship program, now in its twenty fourth year, helps encourage and develop the pool of rural health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois. Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois residents and be a Registered Nurse

accepted or enrolled in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program. Funding is provided by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program.

Applications are available at county Farm Bureaus® throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at [RIMSAP.com](http://RIMSAP.com), or by writing Peggy Romba, Program Manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, PO Box 2901, Bloomington, IL 61702-2901. Applications are due May 1.

For additional information, contact Peggy Romba at 309-557-2350, or via e-mail at [promba@iffb.org](mailto:promba@iffb.org).

### Knox County 4-H Picture Fun Night

Join the Knox County 4-H and Extension Foundation for a fun evening of "Remember when we were in 4-H?" on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Knox Agri Center.

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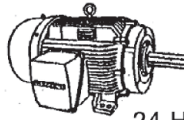
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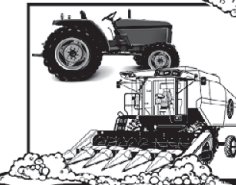
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