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# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **OCTOBER**

KCFB Board Meeting, 8 PM, KAC PrimeTimers Outing, 10:30 AM, Abingdon United Methodist Church 15 20

#### **NOVEMBER**

Knox Ag Roundtable Meeting, 12 PM, KAC Young Farmers Cookout, 4 PM, RSVP to office 15 17 PrimeTimers Holiday Dinner, TBD

19 KCFB Board Meeting, 7 PM, KAC

23 Steve Johnson Seminar, 7 PM, KAC

KCFB Foundation Meeting, 6:30 PM, KAC

Knox Agri Center Meeting, 7:30 PM, KAC

25-27 Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

#### **DECEMBER**

Cheese order forms and checks due to office

# **Welcome New Members**

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

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# **Independent Maps Halfway To Goal** Of 600,000 Petition Signatures For **Redistricting Reform Amendment**

More than 300,000 Illinois Voters Sign Petitions to Take Partisan Politics Out of Legislative Redistricting

"Voters are frustrated and feel

CHICAGO – The non-partisan Independent Maps coalition announced it is more than halfway to its goal of collecting 600,000 petition signatures for a state constitutional amendment to create a independent non-partisan commission responsible for drawing state legislative districts.

"In less than five months, more than 300,000 Illinoisans signed petitions to put this important amendment before voters in 2016, and that puts us halfway to our goal of 600,000 signatures," Dennis FitzSimons, Chair of Independent Maps.

"Because entrenched political interests don't want to give Illinoisans an opportunity to vote on this amendment, we know they will challenge the validity of some of our petition signatures," FitzSimons said.
"To be absolutely certain we will meet the Illinois Constitution's requirement of 290,216 valid signatures, we're going to collect more than twice that number. Defenders of the current partisan system will not be able to overcome those numbers."

"We're ahead of schedule, and that is thanks to the hard work of volunteers giving up weekends and evenings to collect signatures and to voters who signed the petition because they are fed up with the results of rigged legislative maps," FitzSimons said.

their voices are not being heard in the General Assembly," said Cynthia Canary, Executive Director of Independent Maps. "The discontent is real, and it stems in part from the fact that 60 percent of the legislators elected last year didn't have anyone running against them. When legislative districts are designed to maximize partisan advantage, the likelihood of true competitive elections is minimized. Partisan maps discourage competition and give us legislators who cruise into office without having to debate a challenger or even listen to a single voter.

"Volunteers have told us that voters are sometimes so eager to sign petitions that they grab the clipboards out of their hands, sign the petition and ask others around them to sign, too," Canary said. "We're very encouraged by the response throughout Illinois, but there's a lot of hard work ahead of all

Independent Maps got off to an early and fast start this spring thanks in large part to the Illinois League of Women Voters, which has local and regional Leagues across the state, and to thousands of volunteers engaged in previous amendment campaigns. Last month, the Illinois Farm Bureau - with more than 400,000 members in Illinois – increased the reach of the coalition and made its



95 offices collection points for volunteers to turn in completed petitions.

Petitions and instructions available at MapAmendment.org.

Independent Мар The Amendment would create an 11-member commission representing the demographic and geographic diversity of the state. The commission meetings and records would be open to the public, and the commission would be required to hold public hearings throughout the state. The commission drawn maps would be required to protect the voting rights of racial and ethnic minorities, and the maps would be drawn without regard to incumbency or partisanship. Adoption of the maps would require approval of seven commissioners, including at least two Democrats and two Republicans.

# 2015 Holiday Cheese Order



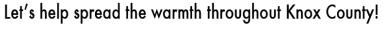
The Holiday Cheese Order Form will be included in the November Bulletin.

You may also print order forms from knoxcfb.org

Independent Map **Amendment** Coalition

INDEPENDENT Map amendment

Petitions can be signed at the KCFB Office by an Illinois registered voter.



The Knox County Farm Bureau will be accepting hats, coats, scarves, gloves, and more beginning October 1st. Drop off your gently used winter gear, of all sizes, to the Knox County Farm Bureau. The winter wear will be distributed to local schools and shelters to help share

the warmth this winter season. For questions, please contact the Knox County Farm Bureau at (309) 342-2036.

Thank you for your generosity!

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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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#### Warm harvest wishes

The day was sometime in March when I asked our son, then 4 years old, what he liked about the farm. His responses: When corn "falls down." Chain saws. Riding in the truck. And eating at the field.

Outside of chain saws, his thoughts unintentionally designated corn and soybean harvest as his favorite time on the farm. Specifically, corn appears to "fall down" from his seat in the cab of a harvesting combine. He likes to ride in the truck to our family's grain storage

bins and witness the bushels unload. And who doesn't enjoy a hot, homecooked meal off the minivan hatchback on a crisp, golden October evening.

I sometimes ask the farmers and rural people whom I interview about what moments in their routine remind them that they were destined to farm, to be in that rural place, or to live in that role. A farm woman in Ohio recently told me, "My biggest enjoyment is getting in the Gator with my husband and cruising the farm. We don't have to go on a vacation. This is a vacation right here. Sometimes we get in the Gator and sit in the woods just to listen."

Just as with our son, most farmers will label fall harvest as their favorite time of year. My family experiences the culmination of our efforts and gathers the bounty that earns that annual "paycheck." The aesthetics fuel my soul, too. In particular, the sunset's beauty seems to intensify in October as it casts golden rays on an open harvest landscape. I always keep a camera in my van.

Fall simply ranks a pleasant time of year to be on the farm, hence the

Disney-like line at the local orchard on October weekends. But as romantic as fall harvest sounds, hiccups inevitably surface to dampen the mood: a machinery breakdown, the harvest rush ahead of a forecasted rainy spell, or long nights that follow long days. Tired souls get grumpy, too, though softened with a homemade treat.

I joyfully crossed paths recently with my first college roommate, whom I hadn't seen in years. She told me she often recalls that fall semester of our freshman year, when I brought her to the farm during harvest. We parted ways with the intent to recreate that experience from 18 years ago.

Harvest is here. Be safe, whether you sit behind the steering wheel of a tractor or drive the car trailing one. Take in the scenes and experiences that satisfy the soul. And have a happy, healthy harvest to celebrate by Thanksgiving.

About the author: Joanie Stiers writes from home, works in the family farm office and mothers two young kids in West-Central Illinois.

# Illinois Farm Families' Summer Social Media Campaign Reaches Nearly 700,000 Consumers

llinois Farm Families began summer 2015 with a goal of connecting with as many consumers a possible. To accomplish their goal, they used advertising in Chicago Parent and on Facebook, and relied on fans liking and sharing posts.

Now that August is behind us, along with summer, the results are finally in. Followers on Facebook increased 5 percent from July, with 455,000 people seeing Illinois Farm Families' posts on Facebook due to advertising and fans sharing and liking the posts. What's more, increased traffic on the Illinois Farm Families Facebook page led to increased traffic on the WatchUsGrow. org website.

During the campaign, farmers

engaged with Facebook users and answered consumers' questions about many topics, including antibiotic use in beef production and gestation stalls in pig farming.

Advertising in Chicago Parent magazine benefitted Illinois Farm Families as well, with 226,000 consumers — primarily moms — reached. Facebook ads placed on the Chicago Parent website resulted in 4,700 visits to the website, and an email from Chicago Parent featuring City Mom Pilar Clark reached more than 1,100 with information about milk and antibiotic use.

Overall, visitors to the WatchUsGrow. org website more than tripled in August 2015 versus the same time frame last year.

Illinois Farm Families are Illinois farmers who support Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Soybean Association, Illinois Beef Association and Midwest Dairy Association through farmer membership and checkoff programs. We are committed to having conversations with consumers, answering their questions about food farmers and farming, and sharing what really happens on today's Illinois family farms. More than 97 percent of Illinois farms are family owned and operated. We are passionate about showing consumers how we grow safe, healthy food for their families and ours.

# **New Disease Impacting Corn Confirmed In Illinois**

SPRINGFIELD, IL –The Illinois Department of Agriculture announced today that the disease tar spot, which impacts corn, has been confirmed in

Plant pathologists at the Purdue University Plant Diagnostic Clinic provided the initial diagnoses of the disease and confirmation was made by the United States Department of Agriculture Animal Plant Health Inspection Service. Findings were confirmed in LaSalle, DeKalb, and Bureau counties.

"We anticipate minimal impact on yields with detection this late in the growing season," said agriculture director Philip Nelson. "However, it is important for farmers to report any suspected findings to prevent the spread of this disease and provide an accurate picture on statewide impact."

Tar spot was confirmed in the State of Indiana last week, marking the first detection in the United States. Previously, the disease was found in Mexico, Central, and South America.

Corn farmers are urged to look for

brownish lesions on leaves, followed by black, spore-producing structures that appear later, giving the leaf a rough or bumpy feel. The disease is favored by cool temperatures and high relative humidity. Rainfall is not a significant factor in disease progress and severity. The disease is not known to be seedborne or to infect other species.

Farmers who suspect disease should contact their local University of Illinois Extension office and work with the office to submit samples to the University of Illinois Plant Diagnostic Clinic.





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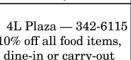
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Every 15 seconds someone's home is burglarized. That's four a minute and 240 every hour of each day.

One out of every six homes is burglarized every year and more than \$1,900 worth of property is stolen per burglary.

One of the easiest ways to prevent a burglary is to keep your doors locked whether you're gone or at home. According to the FBI, the front door is the entry point for most burglaries.

There are many steps you can take to prevent your home from being the scene of a burglary.

The most important step is to keep burglars from entering your home. Investing in solid exterior doors (either steel or wood) and a solid door frame is a good starting point. Exterior doors should be equipped with two locks, including a deadbolt lock. When installing the deadbolt, make sure the bolt extends into the studded frame around the door with the lock at least 40 inches from any glass window.

Sliding glass doors are also a common entry point. Install vertical locks specifically made for sliding glass doors. As a backup, place a wooden dowel or metal rod in the

Don't give the burglar any advantages.

Keep bushes trimmed back from your home to eliminate cover for burglars attempting to break in through windows or doors.

A wide-open garage is another target for thieves and a convenient entryway into your home. Keep garage doors and doors leading into your home closed and locked. A burglar in a garage can work uninterrupted without being seen.

Also, keep bicycles in the garage or yard locked at all times. Unattended bikes are easy targets. Even cars and trucks in your garage, driveway or on the street are not safe. They should always be locked with the keys removed and alarm systems activated.

A good source of security and property protection is an electronic security system. These systems, which are wired into windows, doors and smoke detectors, detect break-ins and fires, and alert authorities. They are available in a wide range of prices and sophistication.

When you're not at home, it's best to give the appearance someone is home. You can do this by leaving your drapes and shades slightly parted, and leaving on some lights.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — The fifth annual Local and Regional Food Summit, which brings farmers and industry together to learn about different food chain projects, will take place Nov. 12, 2015, at Heartland Community College.

The one-day event is hosted by the Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Department of Agriculture and Heartland Community College.

"This event is an opportunity for farmers and industry to convene and learn about the different local and regional projects that are taking shape and learn from experts in the industry," said Cynthia Haskins, manager of business development and compliance, Illinois Farm Bureau. "This year, we're excited to offer a wide range of speakers."

A few of the topics will include:

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•Jim Ryan, city administrator, Rockford, will speak on measuring the financial impact of a public market. He will share findings from a recently completed economic evaluation study determining the benefits of both farmers' market vendors and nearby businesses.

•Buyers from the grocery store and foodservice industry, including Steve Jarzombek, vice president of produce, Roundy's; Peter J. Sikorski, chief financial officer, Get Fresh Produce, Inc.; and Tom Phelps, director, Produce Operations, Niemann Foods, will discuss sourcing local and regional food.

•J. Robert Sirrine, Ph.D., community food systems educator, Greening Michigan Institute Affiliate, MSU Center for Regional Food Systems, will discuss successful hops production for craft brewing

•Julie McCoy, director, school nutrition, Bloomington Public Schools will present "School Foodservice 101: Learn the basics on the National School Lunch program, menu planning and how food gets onto our student trays.

•Jerry and Lisa Thurston, owners, Spring Valley Farm & Vineyard will present "Getting Your Packing House Prepared for Certification.

•Tara Roberts, president, and Kelly Maynard, food safety specialist, Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative will present "How

Wisconsin Farmers Came Together to Form a Thriving Grower Cooperative."

•Jim Fraley, livestock program director, Illinois Farm Bureau and Matt Witte, owner, Bloomington Meats will present "So You Want to Be a Livestock Producer? The Top Ten Things You NEED to Know" and "Customer Livestock Harvesting: How Livestock Becomes Meat."

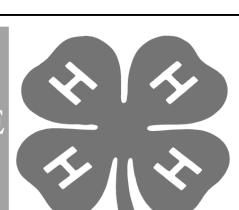
The event will be held at Astroth Community Education Center, at Heartland College, 1500 West Raab Road, Normal. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., with the summit beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 5:00 p.m. For more information and online registration, visit the Illinois Farm Bureau website at www.ilfb.org and click on the "IFB News and Events" tab.

Conference registration fee is \$20 per participant (\$15 for Farm Bureau Members) and includes all conference materials, lunch, and breaks. A buffet lunch will feature several local and regional foods prepared by Chef Scott Rowan and provided by Heartland Community College. Due to limited seating, registration must be completed by Nov. 6, 2015. Registration is first come, first served.

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 nonprofit, 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.

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Boydstun, Terry	Р	Р	С
Cain, Jarid	Α	Α	С
DeSutter, Jim	Α	Α	С
Engel, Lori	Р	Α	С
Erickson, David S	Р	Α	С
Hennenfent, Matt	Р	Р	С
Hoben, Tom	Α	Р	С
King, Becky	Р	Р	С
Link, Jeff	Р	Р	С
Link, Nathan	Р	Α	С
Main, Tim	Р	Р	С
O'Connor, Tom	Р	Р	С
Serven, Sam	Р	Α	С
Seiboldt, Pat	Α	Р	С
Stevens, Monica	Р	Р	С
Strom, Grant	Р	Р	С
Swanson, Brett	Α	Α	С
Webel, Joe	Р	Α	С
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# Health on the Farm



By the Knox County Health Department

#### **Breast Health A Priority All Year Long**

The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. During this time and throughout the year, all women are highly encouraged to think about breast health and get a mammogram. Breast Cancer is the second most common form of cancer next to skin cancer. Men and women are at risk for breast cancer; however, one in eight women in America will develop breast cancer in their lifetime.

More and more women are getting mammograms to detect breast cancer in its earliest stages. As a result, breast cancer deaths are on the decline. Encourage the women in your life to get mammograms on a regular basis. Did you know there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all and others who do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals?

#### Did you know?

- •Women age 65 and older are less likely to get mammograms than younger women, even though breast cancer risk increases with age.
- •Hispanic women have fewer mammograms than Caucasian women and African American women.
- •Women below poverty level are less likely than women at higher incomes to have had a mammogram within the past two years.

The good news is that the "Pink" message is reaching women in Knox County. According to the 2010 Community Analysis conducted by the Health Systems Research of the University Of Illinois College Of Medicine, in 2007 nearly nine in ten or 89.7% Knox County women ages 40 and older reported they'd had a mammography exam. And 72.6 % of women in the County had a

mammogram within the past year.

Part of the reason those numbers are so high is because of the availability of breast and cervical exams to all women whether or not they have health insurance. The Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Program provides FREE mammograms, clinical breast exams, and pap tests, with the provider of YOUR choice, to women who qualify! There are no income guidelines for this program. You may be eligible for this program if:

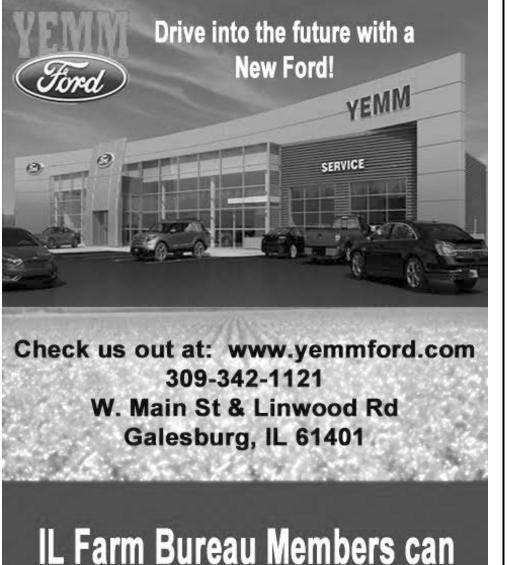
- You are a woman
- •You live in Knox, Warren, or Henderson County
- •You are between the ages of 35 and 64
- You have no Medicaid or Medicare Part B
- •You have no health insurance or your health insurance will not cover these services
- •If you have a high deductible on your health insurance for these services we may be able to help.

"The key to mammography screening is that it be done routinely – once is not enough," states Erin Olson, Director of Wellness and Health Promotion.

For more information on breast health, programs available at the Health Department, or to schedule a presentation for a group or organization you belong to, please contact the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 or visit the Department website at www.knoxcountyhealth.org.



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Jason Lumberry

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representative Jason Lumberry as top membership recruiter. Jason signed 8 new associate members in September.

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#### **PRIMETIMERS NEWS**

The PrimeTimers committee enjoyed a potluck lunch and legislative updates with Representative Moffitt in September at the Knox Agri Center. The October program is about organ restoration

and will be at the Abingdon United Methodist Church starting at 10:30 am. Lunch will follow at Carolyn's. The PrimeTimers invite members 55+ to

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# Looking Back

#### TAKEN FROM THE OCTOBER 1930 BULLETIN

The Knox County Farm Bureau is enjoying a healthy growth as evidenced by many new members who have signed in recent months. With these new members, your Farm Bureau has now a membership of 1,355, the largest since the war which is indicative of the value of farm organization in the minds of Knox County farmers.

#### TAKEN FROM THE OCTOBER 1961 BULLETIN

A University of Illinois study shows that average annual net income for one group of farms with many conservation practices jumped from \$12.46 to \$21.23 per acre during a five-year period. On similar farms with few conservation practices, income increased from \$12.91 to only \$13.86 during the same period.

#### TAKEN FROM THE OCTOBER 1972 BULLETIN

It's a typical red farm tractor. Nothing unusual, really. You've probably seen hundreds of them. But to Carl Sandburg College, it represents something quite different. You see Sandburg - in acquiring this 1972 Massey-Ferguson model 165-became the first community college in Illinois to get an institutional lease with a major farm equipment company.

# RECIPE OF THE MONTE

#### **Chicken & Corn Chowder**

#### **Ingredients**

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 3 cups low sodium chicken broth or one 320z container
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled, chopped
- 2 cups, peeled, cubed potatoes (about 3 medium)

#### **Directions**

In a large soup pot add the butter and cook until melted. Using a wire whisk add the flour and mix together with the butter to make a roux. Cook until mixture is light brown in color.

Add the chicken broth, onions, celery, carrots, potatoes, corn, chicken, half of the bacon, thyme, salt, pepper, garlic and milk. Bring mixture to a boil

Reduce the temperature to medium - low and simmer for 20 - 25 minutes, or until the vegetables are just tender. Stir mixture occasionally to avoid sticking and to incorporate the flavors.



- 2 1/2 cups frozen yellow corn
- 2 cups rotisserie chicken, cubed
- 6 slices bacon cooked, crumbled & separated
- 1/2 teaspoon ground thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup half & half

When the vegetables are soft and the potatoes are tender, reduce the heat to warm stir in the half & half and blend. Serve hot garnished with crumbled bacon and a bit of shredded cheddar cheese, optional.

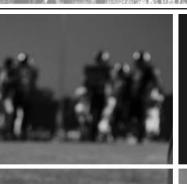
Cook's Note: The butter can be omitted in this recipe. If not using the butter only add 1/2 cup of the milk to the chowder. To the remaining 1/2 cup of milk, add the 3 tablespoons of flour and whisk together until blended. Add the flour mixture and then bring to a boil and continue with the recipe. Recipe from mommyskitchen.net

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