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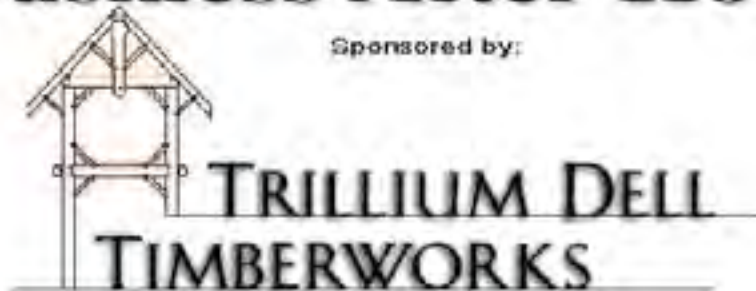
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11:45a.m. to 1:00p.m.**

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**Ryan Batey & Jennifer Sperry**  
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**May 28, 2015**

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# May Community Events

Sat. 2 May, 2015

Galesburg Farmers Market (Sat. 2 May, 2015 3:00 am)

There is something for everyone at the Galesburg Farmers Market, from honey to handmade jewelry! Our market features locally grown produce, meats, baked goods, flowers, plants and craft items. Come shop Galesburg and stay and chat awhile! Vendors: Please call Kathy Bennett at 309-368-1750 to participate. Cost is \$15 per week or \$150 for the season. We would love to bring you on board as there is a nice demand for fresh produce in our area. We accepts LINK and WIC coupons for Young Mothers and Seniors. Event Location: Parking Lot Simmons & Kellogg Streets, Galesburg, IL Event Date: Saturdays starting May 2 thru October 31 Start Time: 8 am End Time: 12 noon

Galesburg Community Chorus presents Verdi's Requiem (Sat. 2 May, 2015 7:30 pm)

Verdi's Requiem is one of the most powerful, dramatic, and beautiful choral-orchestral works ever composed. The Community Chorus will be joined by the Monmouth College Chorale and the Knox College Choir, as well as professional soloists and a full orchestra, for a performance that is sure to be memorable and exciting. Sponsored by OSF Saint Mary Medical Center. Tickets: \$12/adults; \$10/seniors; free for students.

Wed. 6 May, 2015

Touch a Truck Vehicles on Wheels (Wed. 6 May, 2015 10:00 am - 11:30 am)

Kids can touch EVERYTHING at this fun and FREE community event.

Children will have the opportunity to see, touch, and explore fascinating vehicles with wheels. This has become a GREAT FIELD TRIP event for day care centers, preschools, home school groups, families and elementary school groups.

Field Trip Option: Educators planning field trips may call 309/345-3683 to have an information packet sent to the leaders/teachers to explain the different vehicles.

Make it a full day field trip and enjoy the Lake Storey walking trails while observing nature. Picnic shelters and tables are also available in the park.

Louie the Lightning Bug will be making a special appearance with Ameren Illinois.

Jerry's Mojo is bringing their electric truck, with beverages available for purchase.

Discovery Depot will have a hands-on activity.

Touch A Truck Event 2015

Mary Ann Bickerdyke: A Story of Compassion and Determination (Wed. 6 May, 2015 1:30 pm)

Before she was named one of the most influential women in American history, before a statue of her appeared on the Knox County court house lawn, before a WWII ship and a Galesburg bridge were named in her honor, Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke lived in Galesburg. We invite you to hear "Mother" Bickerdyke, as portrayed by Pam Johnson, tell the story of why she left the comfort of her home in Galesburg and dedicated her life to serving others in Civil War field hospitals and beyond. Multiple activities with Civil War re-enactors and volunteers will make our local history come alive. The event will be held at Central Congregational Church, 60 Public Square, in Galesburg, IL. Mary Ann Bickerdyke's funeral was held in Central Church, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Admission is free but donations towards the preservation of Central Church as a historic landmark and welcome and encouraged.

Thu. 7 May, 2015

Spring Slow Cooker D. I. S. H. (Thu. 7 May, 2015 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

Slow Cooker HyVee

Fri. 8 May, 2015

Cirque Italia (Fri. 8 May, 2015 2:30 pm)

Get ready for an experience that will take you far, far away to the wonders of Italy and the magic of an immersion into its culture. And into water! Yes, you heard well. Our circus features a 35,000 gallons water stage! Isn't that crazy? We're like no other circus in the United States, you can be sure- and we take pride in our uniqueness. During the show, you won't believe your eyes when the lid lifts up to 35 feet in the air while a CURTAIN OF RAIN AND FOUNTAINS GLISTEN WITH EACH PERFORMANCE MOVE! Indeed, our show wouldn't be the same without our artists' spectacular performances! We have artists from all over the world that will make you feel like a child again, keep you entertained and craving for more! Don't forget the atmosphere you'll be able to experience. You'll feel like you've been transported to Italy! Authentic Italian tradition and origins is what characterizes us, starting from our founder and inspirator, Manuel Rebecchi. As the nephew of Moira Orfei, the owner and soul of the most famous circus in Italy, Manuel can truly say that the circus runs in his blood. He knows this industry and world like no other! His passion, knowledge and entrepreneurial spirit have all combined to make of this show an experience to remember for a lifetime. "I want to see people have fun, enjoy the show, and go out with a smile and the desire to come back!" says Manuel. Cirque Italia is now celebrating its third birthday, so we can say we've achieved Manuel's dream! The team is always striving to make the show even more spectacular. Chante DeMoustes, our COO and producer who's indefatigable in bringing innovation, has welcomed brand new acts and classiness to our show! Cirque Italia brings performers with unique talent, and is also an animal-free show. This is for those who may wonder what type of circus we are. THE MUSICAL CLOWNS are our show animators. They display a wide variety of musical slapstick and side-splitting comedy! And how about the VERTICAL ACT all the way from Italy? Wouldn't you like to hear our artist sing Andrea Bocelli while performing UPSIDE DOWN? Then, are you ready to see the optical illusion and hypnotism of our LASERMAN ACT? Watch the laws of physics crumble when the performer actually "holds" a beam of light in his hand, splits it into two, then bends it and wields it like a saber of light! And more magic in the air with the TWIN SAILORS cause mischief with the audience, and perform the DUO AERIAL RING! Children of all ages will be eager for our spectacular MERMAID, emerging from her shell and swimming through the fountains! Hey girls and guys, do you know that she will be delighted to take pictures with you too? This is merely a description of what you'll see and experience! ACROBATIC POLES, HIGH ENERGY JUGGLING, even DARK MAGIC AERIAL TISSUE and more await you! So, get your tickets! We're opening our doors tomorrow! And remember... we're offering a free child admission with each full-priced adult admission in levels 2-3! For more information, check out the Cirque Italia website: [www.cirqueitalia.com](http://www.cirqueitalia.com). Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Interact with us! Keep up to date with the latest news! Or shoot us an email at [office.cirqueitalia@gmail.com](mailto:office.cirqueitalia@gmail.com). We will be happy to answer all of your questions. You can purchase tickets through our website ([cirqueitalia.com/tickets](http://cirqueitalia.com/tickets)) or by phone: (941) 704-8572. We also respond to text message. Non vediamo l'ora di vedervi allo spettacolo! Let Your Imagination Wander...Immerse Yourself, and Drift Away into the Magical world of CIRQUE ITALIA. When: May 8-10 Where: 2815 West Locust Street Davenport, IA 52804 At: Mississippi Valley Fair Under the grand, swirling White and Blue tent! May 8 FRI: 7:30pm May 9 SAT: 1:30pm, 4:30pm May 10 SUN: 2:30pm, 5:30pm Box office hours: The box office opens on-site on Tuesday, the week of the show. Non-show days: Tues-Sun: 10am – 6pm On show days open 10am – 9pm Video links: Preview Show: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-fWUVu\\_\\_I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-fWUVu__I) Branding Story: <http://vimeo.com/62397883#>

Sat. 9 May, 2015

Galesburg Farmers Market (Sat. 9 May, 2015 3:00 am)

Event Location: Parking Lot Simmons & Kellogg Streets, Galesburg, IL Event Date: Saturdays starting May 2 thru October 31 Start Time: 8 am End Time: 12 noon

Nurses Week Ceremony (Sat. 9 May, 2015 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

Nurses Week Remembrance Ceremony!!! National Nurses Week - 2015, The Galesburg Cottage Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association presents the 11th Annual Nurses Week Convocation, Honor & Remembrance Ceremony. If you are a nurse or you want to honor or remember a nurse, join us in celebration as we gather around the Mother Bickerdyke Memorial Statue, Knox County Court House Lawn, 200 S. Cherry Street, Galesburg. The service will be at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 9th, the public is invited to attend.

Sun. 10 May, 2015

Cirque Italia (Sun. 10 May, 2015 2:30 pm)

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Mon. 11 May, 2015

Cirque Italia (Mon. 11 May, 2015 2:30 pm)

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Wed. 13 May, 2015

Lend A Helping Hand (Wed. 13 May, 2015 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm)

It's National Water Safety Month. Moms, Dads, Aunts, Grandparents and, of course, KIDS - Here's your chance to paint a memory together! Support Summer Water Safety at En Season, 2900 West Main Street. It's a parent/child canvas painting event. \$30.00 for two. (parent/child, grandparent/grandchild, etc.) Preregister at [www.artdefined.net](http://www.artdefined.net)

Sat. 16 May, 2015

Galesburg Farmers Market (Sat. 16 May, 2015 3:00 am)

Event Location: Parking Lot Simmons & Kellogg Streets, Galesburg, IL Event Date: Saturdays starting May 2 thru October 31 Start Time: 8 am End Time: 12 noon

Thu. 21 May, 2015

Rootabaga Jammers Finale Concert (Thu. 21 May, 2015 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

Rootabaga Jammers Finale!!! Last time this year to enjoy the great Big Band sounds of the Rootabaga Jammers. Bring your best friend, partner or anyone and dance if you have happy feet or just sit, listen and tap your toes to their wonderful concert. The concert is FREE and there will be free refreshments served. The doors open at 6 PM and the band will play from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

Sat. 23 May, 2015

Galesburg Farmers Market (Sat. 23 May, 2015 3:00 am)

Event Location: Parking Lot Simmons & Kellogg Streets, Galesburg, IL Event Date: Saturdays starting May 2 thru October 31 Start Time: 8 am End Time: 12 noon

Fri. 29 May, 2015

Bluegrass Jamboree (Fri. 29 May, 2015 9:00 am - Sun. 31 May, 2015 10:00 am)

Spring Lake Country Bluegrass Jamboree!!! Come out to Spring Lake to enjoy Barnyard Guitar's Country Bluegrass Jamboree. Friday & Saturday, May 29 & 30 with free live music Saturday starting at Noon. During the Jamboree there will be camping, fishing and bike trails available to all guests. The event is a perfect time to bring the family and enjoy FREE live entertainment. There will also be a benefit to "Help Support the Walleye stocking program Spring Lake Rehab Project. This event is open to the public and all campers are welcome. To be held at the Spring Lake Park, 595 N. 1500th Road, Macomb, IL

Sat. 30 May, 2015

Bluegrass Jamboree (Fri. 29 May, 2015 9:00 am - Sun. 31 May, 2015 10:00 am)

To be held at the Spring Lake Park, 595 N. 1500th Road, Macomb, IL

Galesburg Farmers Market (Sat. 30 May, 2015 3:00 am)

Event Location: Parking Lot Simmons & Kellogg Streets, Galesburg, IL Event Date: Saturdays starting May 2 thru October 31 Start Time: 8 am End Time: 12 noon

Sun. 31 May, 2015

Bluegrass Jamboree (Fri. 29 May, 2015 9:00 am - Sun. 31 May, 2015 10:00 am)

To be held at the Spring Lake Park, 595 N. 1500th Road, Macomb, IL

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# Toot Your Own Horn!



Janko Hospitality announces the Promotion of Ryan Cochran, CHA to Area General Manager, Galesburg, Illinois

DOWNERS GROVE, IL (April 13, 2015) "We are excited to introduce the new Holiday Inn Express & Suites-Galesburg hotel because it is an innovative, design to meet the needs of today's traveler who is seeking a warm sense of community in a fresh, clean, uncomplicated environment that is perfect for business, relocations and vacations." Said Ryan Cochran, newly appointed Area General Manager.

Ryan accepted his new position, as Area General Manager, on February 23, 2015. Ryan Cochran CHA, will oversee the operations of the new Holiday Inn Express & Suites-Galesburg currently under construction and there-branding of the existing Holiday Inn Express hotel, which will continue to be owned by Auburn Classic Hotel Group, LLC and managed by Janko Hospitality.

"I can think of no better person to head up and oversee our operations in Galesburg than Ryan." Says John Brooke, CHA, Chief Operating Officer of Janko Hospitality. "He has headed up a number of different projects for us and has consistently performed at a very high level."

Ryan began his hotel career, 18 years ago at Jumer's Continental Inn, Galesburg. After growing his career in the Madison Wisconsin area for several years, Ryan brought his knowledge and expertise back to Galesburg in 2007, where he accepted the position of General Manager of the

Holiday Inn Express for Janko Hospitality. While serving his guests in the Galesburg community, Ryan has won many awards for his outstanding leadership and excellence in business. Ryan Cochran successfully completed the American Hotel & Lodging Institutes certification as a Certified Hotel Administrator in 2010.

Ryan attributes his successes to two key areas. Locating and mentoring great talent and involvement in the local community. Currently Ryan serves on the Tourism Council, Galesburg Lodging & Restaurant Association, and Taste of Galesburg board of directors.

Ryan resides in Galesburg with his wife Emma, and two children, Blake and Ava.

## ABOUT HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES

The under construction 81 room hotel will be situated near I-74 at Exit #48. Well situated to meet the needs of travelers to the area, the new Holiday Inn Express & Suites- Galesburg will offer a comfortable, yet affordable stay with new innovative guest-preferred upgrades to ensure a pleasurable experience. The new "Formula Blue" design concept from IHG will feature a contemporary image with emphasis on arrival and welcome services, guest room and bath comfort and a redesigned great room for socializing.

Owned by Galesburg Hotel, LLC and Managed by Janko Hospitality, a Downers Grove, Illinois based hotel management company, the new Holiday Inn Express & Suites is franchised by IHG. The Holiday Inn Portfolio of Brands participates in IHG's hotel rewards program, IHG Rewards Club. The industry's first and largest hotel rewards program; is free and guests can enroll at [www.ihgrewardsclub.com](http://www.ihgrewardsclub.com), or by downloading the IHG App, by calling 1-888-211-8974 or by visiting any of the 4,700 hotels worldwide.

Janko Hospitality, LLC- Founded in 1999, Janko Hospitality is a Chicago-based operator of upscale extended-stay and select service hotels throughout the Midwest. Janko Hospitality, since inception, has managed 23 hotels and has played an active role in the development or redevelopment of each property.

Currently, Janko Hospitality manages hotels in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana. The portfolio includes a variety of products under the major overarching brands of: Hyatt, InterContinental, Hilton, Marriott, La Quinta, Choice, and Best Western. For more information about Janko Hospitality, please visit [www.jankohotels.com](http://www.jankohotels.com).



Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
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Ground Breaking Ceremony April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

What a spectacular April we had in the beautiful city of Galesburg. Our month started with world-class jazz courtesy of the Knox-Rootabaga Jazz Festival. To kick off the 35th annual Knox-Rootabaga Jazz Festival, the Daniel Leahy Group presented a free concert open to the public in Kresge Recital Hall. Daniel Leahy is a celebrated jazz pianist, vocalist, arranger, and producer. Joining Leahy was Manny Lopez on drums, David Hoffman on trumpet, Andy Crawford on bass, and David Graf on Trombone. Over two days the ensemble visited Galesburg and Knoxville public schools during their "Jazz in the Schools" tour which was made possible through a Challenge American grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

From April 9-11, David Hoffman, Nikki Malley, Andrew Crawford and the Jazz students at Knox College hosted wonderful world-class jazz musicians in venues throughout the city. If I overuse the term world-class it's simply because I cannot emphasize how significant the level of craftsmanship that comes together in our city. The Lowdown Brass Band, from Chicago, a horn-driven tour de force played to a packed house at Burg's Bar on Friday night. From street beat to metal, the LDB showcases their unique high-energy style on their latest release "Lowdown Sounds," which includes their version of Roy Ayers' R&B classic "Everybody Loves the Sunshine," featuring the soul legend himself on vocals and vibraphone. The air was palpable when this high energy group performed to ravenous fans.

The Knox Jazz Ensemble had the

privilege of opening for talented Israeli musician Anat Chen and her quartet. The Jazz Journalists Association has voted Anat as Clarinetist of the Year eight years in a row, and she has topped both the Critics and Readers Polls in the clarinet category in DownBeat magazine every year since 2011. Imagine the excitement as the Anat Cohen Quartet took the stage of the Orpheum Theatre on Saturday. A crowd of over 400, many of whom were Knox Jazz alumni, were treated with high energy personality of Anat Cohen as she snapped her fingers and danced to the beat.

Alumnus came from as far away as Japan to experience this year's festival. Many played in the Alumni band. Whether you are a jazz music fan or a jazz musician this year's "Baga" was a resounding success.

Nova Singers presented a performances of "Lullabies and Folksongs" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at Kresge Recital Hall. Under the direction of Laura Lane, the group was joined by harpist Erin Freund for a delightful evening of folksongs and lullabies. The performance offered a blend of harmonies of Brahms and the nostalgia and charm of familiar English and American folksongs. Conrad Susa's Carols and Lullabies featuring harp, guitar and marimba were also enjoyed.

On Saturday, April 25, the Knox Galesburg Symphony returned to the Orpheum Theatre for their concert featuring acclaimed pianist, Lisa Leonard. Lisa performed the Grieg Piano Concerto to a standing ovation. Ms. Leonard is a soloist, chamber musician and educator. She

has performed with orchestras throughout Europe, Japan, Russia and North America. The Illinois Council of Orchestras recently announced the Knox-Galesburg Symphony (KGS) as recipient of its coveted 2015 Orchestra of the Year Award, this for an unprecedented fourth time. Deputy Mayor Wayne Allen also declared the last weekend in April "Knox Galesburg Symphony Weekend" with a proclamation from Mayor John Pritchard.

On Saturday, May 9 the Symphony will Celebrate Mom at the Pops with Music from the Great American Songwriters, featuring acclaimed Trumpeter, David Hoffman at the Orpheum Theatre. This would be a great way to honor our mothers for Mother's Day. Contact the Orpheum Theatre at 342-2299 or visit [theorpheum.org](http://theorpheum.org).



**Bill Morris**  
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The last full week in April was reserved for the 20th annual Carl Sandburg Festival. This event featured 20 different literary events at Carl Sandburg College, Knox College, the Galesburg Public Library, the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site and Burg's Bar and Grill. Highlights included U. S. Poet Laureate and Pulitzer prize winner Natasha Trethewey speaking in Alumni Hall at Knox College. Bestselling author Jennifer Niven spoke to young people at the Galesburg Public Library and CSC. She also signed copies of her book, All The Bright Places. There were big crowds for Jennifer who is Sandburg Biographer Penny Niven's daughter.

Penny Niven was honored with a memorial at Sandburg College during the week's events. During the celebration a bust of Sandburg by Lonnie Eugene Stewart was unveiled. Mr. Stewart was honored as well. The CSC Art Gallery was officially named "The Lonnie Eugene Stewart Art Gallery" during the event.

On Saturday, April 25, the Carl Sandburg State Historic Site was designated a National Literary Landmark by United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. Honored guests included Illinois Poet Laureate, Kevin Stein, Carl Sandburg Site Assoc. Board president, Barry Swanson, Carl Sandburg Festival director, Robin Demott, Director of Illinois State Libraries, Anne Craig, Galesburg Public Arts Commission president, Chuck Bednar and a full house of interested Sandburg fans in the Barn Theatre on a rainy day at the Sandburg Historic Site.

The grounds at the Sandburg Site were prepared for the day thanks to the wonderful U of I Master Gardeners. Sylviane Stites and Jamie Yemm and a group of volunteers worked three days to assure the setting was lovely. Saturday's rain refreshed the plants and of course watered the transplanted ones without anyone having to carry a bucket.

The Carl Sandburg Festival concluded Saturday night with the Rootabaga Poetry Slam hosted by International Poetry Slam creator Mark K. Smith. This event has been a part of the festival for 9 years. The side room of Burg's Bar and Grill was packed with Slam fans. Many entertaining poets performed original works.

Nothing beats farm fresh produce and baked goods made from scratch. Fortunately, Galesburg has a wonderful Farmers Market to provide plenty of zucchini, squash, corn, cantaloupe, green beans and so much more. In addition to a wonderful selection of fresh grown produce, there are baked goods, meats, and local artwork and crafts. It all happens from May to October on Simmons Street between Seminary & Kellogg Streets on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until noon. You'll even find some suggestions on how to prepare the produce you buy. The link card is accepted.

For a list of events going on in Galesburg in May, browse to [visitgalesburg.com](http://visitgalesburg.com) and click on events.



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April 21, 2015

Dear Homegrown By Heroes Stakeholder,

The Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois Department of Agriculture will host a first-of-its-kind Homegrown By Heroes™ statewide gathering for organizations that wish to serve military veterans desiring to pursue food, farming and agricultural careers. Invited guests include public, non-profits, academia, veterans, agencies, municipalities, volunteer organizations, and farmer veteran stakeholders who will identify available resources, form partnerships and work in collaboration. The meeting will be held on May 28 from 1:00 to 4:30 PM at Illinois Farm Bureau, 1701 Towanda Avenue, Bloomington, IL.

Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti will be in attendance to formally launch this statewide collaboration.

The Homegrown By Heroes program originated in Kentucky in 2013 by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. It is a national branding initiative of the Farmer Veteran Coalition established to denote farm products that are grown and/or raised by military veterans. We believe that food production offers purpose and opportunity. The mission of the Farmer Veteran Coalition is to engage the consumer in a completely new way by communicating that Homegrown By Heroes agricultural products represent the labors of hardworking veterans that have now chosen to become farmers to feed the nation.

The Homegrown By Heroes marketing initiative will afford farmers and/or agricultural producers who have served in any branch of the United States Military (U.S. Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard) the ability to use the Homegrown By Heroes logo on their agribusiness signage and/or agricultural products.

The vision is to connect strong leaders, agriculture expertise, and supporters so that a solid statewide umbrella collaboration, made up of organizations and individuals, can identify farmer veteran programs, projects and resources. The statewide collaboration will ultimately include programs such as:

- Farmer training;
- Farmers' market opportunities and partnerships;
- Assisting veterans in developing value-added products;
- Fostering relationships with retailers and food service organizations;
- Making resources available for veterans wishing to raise livestock, grow commodity crops;
- Developing mentorships between experienced farmers and veterans;
- Identifying community land access

Homegrown By Heroes Illinois Products and Homegrown By Heroes will have marketing opportunities available to those involved. Veterans will need to go through an application process. After the approval process, farmer veterans can use one or both logos on their agribusiness signage and/or products. We are proud to support this veteran program, as well as others, in our state. These distinctive logos will serve as identification to prospective consumers that the products were produced locally by a veteran. From the grocery shelf, to the farmers' market, to online retail, the label will serve as an extra purchase incentive to consumers.

We are thankful for the input provided by the preliminary Steering Committee that met in 2014. We were provided with several names of individuals and organizations that should be involved in the statewide collaboration. If you know of individuals and organizations that should be included in this meeting, please let us know. We want to include them.

There is no cost to attend, however registration is required due to limited seating. Please RSVP [here](#).

If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Cynthia Haskins at [CHaskins@ilfb.org](mailto:CHaskins@ilfb.org) or (309) 557-2155.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Haskins  
Manager of Business Development  
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Luke Sailer  
Bureau Chief of Business Services  
Illinois Department of Agriculture

“The veterans we work with have served their country twice  
— once by defending it and now by feeding it.”

- Michael O’Gorman, Executive Director of the Farmer Veteran Coalition

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# 22nd Annual Golf Outing

Reservations by  
May 22, 2015

**Monday, June 1, Lake Bracken**

**12:00 p.m. Registration Begins**

**4 Player Superball Format**

**\$300 a team** (includes cart, greens fee, dinner)

Dinner is available to non-golfers for \$23

**To Guarantee Entry, Payment & Registration**

**Must be received by May 22!**

Cancellations received by May 22 will be given a full refund.

**Join in for a fun afternoon & evening....be a Sponsor!**

**Door Prize or Raffle Prize Donation**

**\$100.00 Hole Sponsorship**

- Donate items featuring your company logo to promote your business
- Company name listed on signage at each table and in the Chamber newsletter
- Listed as sponsor in handouts
- Signage at designated hole and on tables
- Option to have information table at hole
- Listed in the Chamber newsletter



**F&M BANK** sponsoring "hole in one"

**Buffet includes** fried chicken, roast beef, potato and salad bar.

**Prizes & Raffle** presented at the dinner for individual, team and course winners.

**Lunch** is available at Lake Bracken Country Club at your own expense.

**Koppers Holdings Inc. has added a news release to its Investor Relations website.**

**Title: Koppers Holdings Inc. Announces Contract Extensions With BNSF and CSX**

PITTSBURGH, PA -- (Marketwired) -- 04/16/15 -- Koppers Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Koppers Holdings Inc. (NYSE: KOP) announced today that it has agreed to contract extensions with each of its two largest railroad customers, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX). Koppers combined revenues from BNSF and CSX accounted for approximately 40% of 2014 railroad-related sales for Koppers.

The agreements extend the contracts to 2021 from the previous 2017 expirations and include commitments for Koppers to provide crossties as well as related products and services to BNSF and CSX through the respective contract periods.

Tom Loadman, Senior Vice President of Railroad Products and Services, said, "We are pleased to be able to continue our positive relationships with BNSF and CSX. We have a long history of serving the North American rail network with quality products and services, and hope to continue growing our presence serving that market into the future."

Leroy Ball, president and CEO of Koppers, said, "With the variability we have been experiencing in our more volatile Carbon Materials and Chemicals (CMC) business, we felt the timing was right to extend these key railroad agreements to stabilize a sizable portion of our revenue and earnings for a prolonged period of time. Our focus moving forward will continue to be on emphasizing our higher value business segments as we look to restructure and lessen our exposure to the more cyclical CMC business."

About Koppers

Koppers, with corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is an integrated global producer of carbon compounds, chemicals, and treated wood products and services for the aluminum, railroad, specialty chemical, utility, rubber, concrete, steel, residential lumber, and agriculture industries.

Including our joint ventures, we serve our customers through a comprehensive global manufacturing and

distribution network, with facilities located in North America, South America, Australasia, China and Europe. The stock of Koppers Holdings Inc. is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "KOP." For more information, visit us on the Web: [www.koppers.com](http://www.koppers.com). Questions concerning investor relations should be directed to Michael J. Zugay at 412 227 2231 or Michael W. Snyder at 412 227 2131.

Safe Harbor Statement

This news release may contain forward-looking statements based on management's current expectations, estimates and projections. All statements that address expectations or projections about the future, including statements about the company's strategy for growth, product development, market position, expected expenditures and financial results are forward-looking statements. Some of the forward-looking statements may be identified by words like "expects," "anticipates," "plans," "intends," "projects," "indicates," and similar expressions. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many factors, including those discussed more fully elsewhere in this release and in documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Koppers, particularly its latest annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly report on Form 10-Q, as well as others, could cause results to differ materially from those stated. These factors include, but are not limited to, changes in the laws, regulations, policies and economic conditions, including inflation, interest and foreign currency exchange rates, of countries in which the Company does business; competitive pressures; the loss of one or more key customer or supplier relationships; customer insolvencies; successful integration of structural changes, including restructuring plans, acquisitions, divestitures and alliances; cost and availability of raw materials; and other economic, business, competitive, regulatory and/or operational factors affecting the business of Koppers generally.

For Information:

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**Tuesday, April 21  
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

