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A breath of fresh air... Touch-A-Tractor celebrates spring, agriculture

You don't have to travel to the country to get a close-up look at farm life. The Kane County Farm Bureau invites you and your family to shake off winter confinement with a visit to Touch-A-Tractor, our annual farm-city community event, April 16-18 on the KCFB lawn.

You'll be welcomed to a lawn full of vintage and modern farm equipment including a 1913 Port Huron Steam Engine. We are

keeping an eye on state Covid guidelines, but hope to offer a farm animal zoo, pedal tractors, corn corrals, a percussion string

and much more. Volunteers will be on hand to explain modern farm machinery's technology that helps farmers to plant and

photos of the kids for the grandparents.

Our plans include hands-on activities for kids including

at the percussion string, taking pictures with farm-themed backdrops, and playing and sitting in the seat of one of a dozen

Hours are 12pm to 4pm on Friday, 10am to 4pm Saturday, and 10am to 3pm Sunday. Admission to the event is a donation of \$5 per family or \$2 per adult (children 18 & under free). Funds will be used for college scholarships and agricultural literacy programs. A Winner's Choice raffle ticket stub will also gain you FREE entry for your family. (see page 8).



See you
there!

harvest our nation's food supply. Numerous antique tractors from area farms will be on hand for Mom and Dad to get great

pedal tractor rides, scooping corn in the corn corrals, seeing farm animals, petting a baby chick, making their own music

tractors. There will be a FREE Pedal Tractor Drawing for kids 8 and under – one entry per child.

Sustainable agricultural solutions? Innovative projects sought

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking proposals to fund up to \$75 million in new, unique projects under the Regional Conservation Partnership Program's (RCPP) Alternative Funding Arrangements (AFA). These arrangements are intended to take innovative and non-traditional approaches to conservation solutions at the local, regional and landscape scales. In making selections, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will prioritize projects related to climate smart agriculture and forestry.

NRCS will fund up to 15 projects this year through AFA,

where partners have more flexibility in working directly with agricultural producers to support the development of new conservation structures and approaches that would not otherwise be effectively implemented through the classic RCPP.

"Collaboration and partnership are leading to advanced conservation delivery on working lands, both rural and urban,"

said Terry Cosby, Acting Chief of NRCS. "We want to continue funding projects that harness the power of partnership and innovation to develop solutions that benefit producers while conserving our natural resources."

A significant portion of funds will address projects related to climate smart agriculture and forestry. These include

projects related to carbon markets and new technologies. NRCS also strongly encourages proposals from RCPP projects that address the conservation

encouraged to contact the department at 630-232-3499.

NRCS is accepting AFA project proposals now through May 28. Proposals must be submitted through the RCPP portal at <https://nrcs-sites.secure.force.com/>. Information about this request for proposals is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

AFA projects were initially authorized under the 2014 Farm Bill. The 2018



needs of urban farmers in metropolitan areas, supporting access to healthy fresh food in historically underserved populated communities.

NRCS will execute AFAs through agreements with eligible lead partners who will be responsible for contracting directly with eligible producers and landowners to implement conservation activities on the ground. In Kane County, the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Department is a potential eligible lead partner. Farmers or groups with project ideas are

Farm Bill enhanced the AFA provision and authorized NRCS to award up to 15 AFA projects annually. Project types that may be suited to AFAs, as highlighted by the 2018 Farm Bill statute include:

- Projects that use innovative approaches to leverage the federal investment in conservation.
- Projects that deploy a pay-for-performance conservation approach.
- Projects that seek large-scale infrastructure investment that

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Farm toy of the month

This month's farm toy is a vision in red – a Tomy Case IH truck, trailer and Farmall Tractor with monster treads. This 3-piece ensemble is a fun package for spring planting and taking care of chores around the farm. Regular price is \$25.02,

but visit our Farm Bureau Country Store during the month of April and you can save an extra 10% by downloading the IFB Benefits app from Abenity OR showing us the app on your smart phone.

See you soon!



APRIL FEATURED FOOD

Bratwurst & Hotdog Combo

The special for April is a Bratwurst and Hotdog combo. This box contains 10 delicious award winning Inboden's bratwurst and 10 Red Hot Chicago all beef hotdogs! A definite crowd pleaser!

The member price is \$27.50 and PLUS members always receive a 5% discount! Available at the Kane County Farm Bureau – Randall Rd and Oak Street in St. Charles – during the month of April or while supply lasts.

KCFB CALENDAR APRIL 2021

- 2 Good Friday, office closed
- 8 Board of Directors, 7pm
- 9 Lunches to Legislators, 10 am
- 13 YF-FFA Acquaintance, 6 pm, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Geneva
- 15 KC Board Ag Committee, 10 am, County Administration Bldg., Geneva
- 15 Touch-A-Tractor set-up, 1-7 pm
- 15 108th KCFB Annual Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 16-18 Touch-A-Tractor, KCFB lawn
- 19-25 National Library Week
(All at KCFB, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles unless otherwise noted)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 108th Annual Meeting of the Kane County Farm Bureau will be held at the Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 on Thursday, April 15th, 2021, at 6:30 pm for the purpose of receiving and acting upon reports of officers, the board of directors, and management for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2020, and to announce the five directors elected to serve terms of three years to represent Districts 1 through 5, and for transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Michael Kenyon, Secretary

Need credits or education for a job in agriculture?

As a not-for-profit established with a primary mission to support scholarships and education for the future of farms and food, the KCFB Foundation Board of Directors has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in support of college scholarships, agricultural literacy programs, and agricultural leadership education. Foundation funding has also included support of the local community through the University of Illinois Extension, 4-H and local FFA programs, and it has been a leader in raising local hunger awareness and helping coordinate programs for local hunger relief.

More recently, the KCFB Foundation turned its attention to continuing education and the need for farmer training for existing, new and beginning farmers. And while the Farm

Adult Continuing Education funding available through KCFB Foundation

Bureau and its affiliated companies and organizations offer many opportunities for producers of livestock, commodities and specialty crops to learn through statewide conferences and workshops, no single association's offerings can be comprehensive.

To fill the potential voids in learning opportunities, the KCFB Foundation first approved an Adult Continuing Education funding budget in 2019. Funds were made available to support Farm Bureau member attendance at courses, conferences, training and professional development events, not sponsored by Farm Bureau, that advance education for the future of farms and food here in Kane County.

The Foundation has developed an application and review process, with applications due 60 days before the start of any

course of study or conference attendance. A review committee makes final decisions on all funding requests.

A "Continuing Education Funding Request" application is posted at www.kanecfb.com. Funding for any course, workshop, etc. is limited to half of the enrollment, registration or tuition fee, and to \$250 per KCFB regular or professional membership per year. It is also limited to one-time only course enrollment or conference attendance. No successive attendance at annual conferences will be considered.

If you need education or certification to advance your career or operate your farm more efficiently or profitably, and if you have identified the course, workshop, or educational opportunity you need, contact KCFB Foundation Executive Director Steve Arnold for more information on this offer at 630-584-8660 or steve@kanecfb.com.

Eat out, benefit your farm community!

GroupRaise is a takeout fundraiser that encourages members of the community to order food from a local restaurant on a specific date and time to support a particular group or cause. Not only does the group raise funds and awareness for their cause, but the hosting restaurant benefits from the increased traffic too.

Mark your calendar and help the KCFB Foundation celebrate at these upcoming GroupRaise fundraisers:

National Salsa Month & Taco Tuesday, on **Tuesday, May 4th** at **Salsa Verde** at 1850 Lincoln Highway, St. Charles, from 11:00am-9:00pm.

National Hamburger month on **Friday, May 28th** from 11:00am-10:00pm at **Oberweis Dairy, That Burger Joint and Woodfire Pizza** at 2150 S. Randall Rd., Geneva.

Both restaurants will make contributions based on a percentage of your purchases on the designated days to the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation! So bring your appetite, family, and friends and join us in celebrating fun

national holidays, good food, and a good cause!

Each of these fundraisers requires a minimum group to RSVP to "Commit to Eat" on our KCFB Foundation Meal Page, otherwise our event will be canceled. We hope you

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Commit to Eat at Oberweis on Friday, May 28th from 11:00am-10:00pm here: <https://www.groupraise.com/events/179311-kanecfb-foundation-at-oberweis>



Open the camera app on your smart phone and point camera at QR Code so it's clearly visible on screen. Tap screen to be taken to the KCFB Foundation linked page that pops up at the top of the screen and tap the COMMIT TO EAT button on screen.

Follow us on Facebook for links and information regarding our upcoming events. To help guarantee the fundraisers take place:

Commit to Eat at Salsa Verde on Tuesday, May 4th from 11:00am-9:00pm here: <https://www.groupraise.com/events/>

And the most important thing – please make sure when purchasing your meal that you mention you are supporting KCFB FOUNDATION at check-out so we can receive your donation percentage!

Sustainable ag

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generate conservation benefits for agricultural producers and nonindustrial private forest owners.

The fiscal 2021 AFA funding announcement incorporates policy updates following publication of the RCPP final rule, including:

- The revised RCPP Critical Conservation Areas (announced in August 2020).
- Updated RCPP AGI waiver policy.
- Clarifying language about when RCPP activities can be carried out on public lands.
- New policy language developed for AFA easements.
- New policy language to highlight that producer "cost-share" funding related to implementation of conserva-

tion activities, like land management practices or systems,

cannot be counted as partner contributions for the project.

Water Resources Senior Engineer Rob Linke of the Kane County Environmental & Water Resources Division pulls a water sample from the tile line of a wood-chip bioreactor installed by Kane County Farm Bureau. The 2018 installation, on Forest Preserve District owned farmland in Campton Township, was a demonstration project to show farmers options for removing nutrients from subsurface drainage.

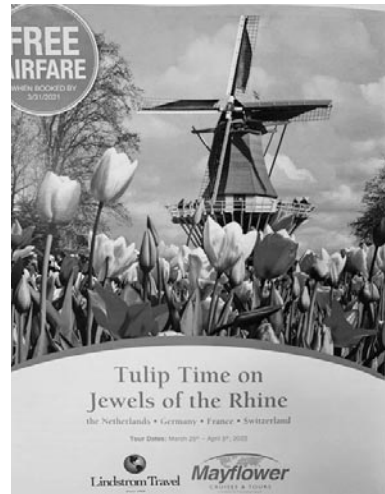
The County of Kane has received grant funding to test tile drainage and other non-point sources to help farmers and others evaluate management practices and meet water quality goals. One of the Division's primary goals in recent years has been to assist farmers in the reactivation of drainage districts in an effort to preserve farmland and its productive capacity.



Travel opportunities

Want a great way to meet your fellow Northern Illinois Farm Bureau members? KCFB would love to have you aboard!

Now is a great time to plan ahead and book your vacation on "Tulip Time on Jewels of the Rhine." You will visit breathtaking destinations: the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland! Tour Dates: March 25th-April 5th, 2022. Please contact Liz at 630-584-8660 or member@kanecfb.com for more information!



Welcome new members

You receive the Kane County Farmer because you are a Farm Bureau member. If you are a farm operator or owner, you benefit from a local, state and national organization

committed to agriculture and your way of life. If you do not have direct ties to farming, your membership helps promote local farms and farming, encourages wise use of our limited natural resources and preserves farmland and our agricultural heritage while allowing you to enjoy COUNTRY insurance and the many benefits of one of Illinois' premier membership organizations.

We appreciate your membership and continued support and we welcome your comments on the content of the Farmer. We encourage you to make recommendations about farm, home, food, natural resources, renewable energy or agricultural heritage and history-related topics for inclusion in future issues of the Farmer.

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Young Farmers coloring contest

Thank you to all the contestants who participated in our Young Farmers sponsored coloring contest in observance of National Agriculture Day on March 23 and National Agriculture Week on March 21-

27, 2021.

This contest was open to all children ages 3 through 11. Categories were as follows: Age 3-5, Ages 6-8, and Ages 9-11. Entries were judged on originality, true-to-lifeness, and neat-

ness. Prizes and awards were given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each age category.

Come on out to Touch-A-Tractor, April 16-18 at the Kane County Farm Bureau to see all entries displayed!

The 2021 Young Farmer Coloring Contest first place winners of the respective age groups are:

5 year old Ashley H. of Aurora (3-5 age group),

6 year old Hadley S. of Maple Park (6-8 age group),

and 9 year old Lennon S. of St. Charles (9-11 age group).



It was a tough task choosing winners from the dozens of colorful contest entries!

Winners of Ages 3-5 were:

Ashley H. (5) of Aurora, Layla G. (5) of Elburn, and Nineveh D. (4) of St. Charles

Winners of Ages 6-8 were:

Hadley S. (6) of Maple Park, Haley H. (7) of Aurora, and Sofia M. (8) of Elgin

Winners of Ages 9-11 were:

Lennon S. (9) of St. Charles, Joseph D. (11) of St. Charles, and Maeve S. (9) of Plainfield



FB volunteer event at Northern Illinois Food Bank

Join the Kane County Young Farmers at Northern Illinois Food Bank Tuesday, April 13th from 6-8 pm to repack food for redistribution to local food pantries. FFA members from area high schools are invited too. We're especially interested in connecting with 18-35 year olds looking to get involved in community service or agriculture related events.

You'll help in the fight against hunger, make some new friends and learn about the good things the Young Farmers Committee and local FFA stu-

dents are doing in Kane County.

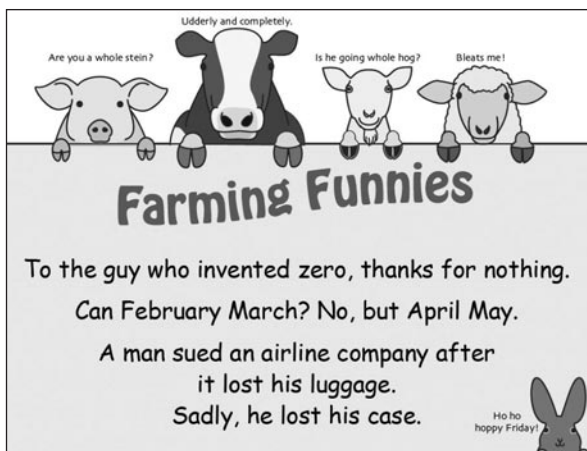
No experience is necessary, just a genuine interest in farm and food related concerns. As this is a community service, and the fight against hunger can and should be waged by all, all Farm Bureau members, friends and potential members are welcome! Call the Kane County Farm Bureau to RSVP at 630-584-8660.

While space is limited, for the first 10 Kane County Farm Bureau members to call and sign-

up to assist in the fight against hunger, KCFB will make a \$25 food donation in your name to the food pantry of your choice.



At NIFB volunteer events, Young Farmers, FFA members and FB supporters repack food for distribution to the Food Bank's network of food pantries. In 2019, they repackaged 3 tons of potatoes. To join the Young Farmers and FFA Chapters this year on Tuesday, April 13th from 6-8 pm and provide local hunger relief, RSVP to the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660.



Like us on Facebook for a weekly chuckle – our Friday Farming Funnies. You'll also find the latest info about ag education, books by local authors and upcoming events and specials at Kane County Farm Bureau.



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Farmers to meet with local legislators

Kane County Farm Bureau farmer-members hope to visit the offices of local legislators during this year's "Lunches to Legislators" program. This program, organized by the KCFB Governmental Affairs committee, gives local farmers the opportunity to get acquainted with local legislators and speak with them on behalf of the local agricultural community. Response to this year's program invitation is expected to vary widely by legislative office location, depending on COVID related factors.

Prior to sitting down with the legislators, volunteers were invited to attend a dinner to discuss current IFB legislative priorities to further prepare them

Senator DeWitte with KCFB members Bob and Beth Gehrke on their farm during corn harvest on November 30, 2019. Farm Bureau works hard to develop rapport and relationships with elected officials. We appreciate both our members' and our legislators' participation in these type of legislative relations visits to learn more about the farm economy.

See page 6 for a list of Farm Bureau 2021 Legislative Priorities.

Young Farmers 16th annual euchre tourney

On Friday, March 12th, Young Farmers from Kane County gathered for pizza and conversation to discuss upcoming events such as their annual FFA Acquaintance Day at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, the construction of their Free Little Library that will be placed in the KCFB parking lot, Touch-A-Tractor needs, and their Young Farmer's youth coloring contest.

Following the brief meeting, Young Farmer members from Kane and surrounding counties gathered to participate in their 16th Annual Euchre tournament. Eight teams of two competed in four rounds to determine the 2021 Euchre Champions along with the 2021 pair who were awarded the "Trophy of

Dubious Distinction".

Our very own Kelcee Miller and her partner Austin Youker of Kendall-Grundy took home the cash prize of the Championship team, and Young Farmer Chair Carolyn Gehrke and fiancé Scott Brummel of Kendall-Grundy were crowned the winners of the Trophy of Dubious Distinction.

Thanks to all of our Young Farmer's for participating in a little fun competition. If you or someone you know is between the ages of 18-35 with an interest in networking and socializing with others who share an interest in the agriculture field, give us a call, (630) 584-8660 or better yet, stop on by the office to become a member today!



Above: Young Farmers from Kane and surrounding counties gathered on Friday, March 12 at the KCFB office for the 16th annual Euchre Tourney. Eight different teams competed in a round robin competition at 7:30pm with a \$5 buy-in of pizza, snacks, and free lessons.

The 2021 Euchre champs were Kelcee Miller (Kane) and Austin Youker (Kendall-Grundy) (not pictured).



Right: Winners of the Trophy of Dubious Distinction (i.e. low score) were Carolyn Gehrke (Kane) and Scott Brummel (Kendall-Grundy).

for their office visits. At offices that accept the invitation, farmer-volunteers will be able to visit and sit down with local legislators and with staff members where legislators may be absent due to prior obligations.

Information will be shared about the agriculture industry locally, programs the Kane County Farm Bureau provides for community members, local and state publications, as well as the IFB 2021 Policy Resolutions, voted on by Illinois farmers at the December 2020 IAA Annual Meeting.

The program is something both volunteers and local legis-

lators look forward to every year. Common themes in conversations generally include taxes, trade, budget, livestock issues and environmental issues.

Farmers will also be asked to share statistics related to Kane County farms, information about technology being used on farms, personal stories and Farm Bureau policy on key legislative issues. For more information on the Lunches to Legislators program, or the opportunity for farmer-members to visit with specific legislators, please call the KCFB, 630-584-8660 and ask for Steve Arnold.



AG LITERACY CORNER

By Kelcee Miller, Development & Ag Literacy Program Coordinator



Hello Kane County! As I reflect on my journey here so far at the Kane County Farm Bureau, I can't help but think what it took to land me here and about where I was at this time a year ago. I was finishing up my last semester in grad school, was working remotely in college athletics because of this crazy virus going around that extended our spring break an extra week, and had recently accepted my first job offer upon graduation. I thought I had my plans all figured out, little did I know life would redirect me in a whole different direction and town. Crazy how much can change within one year, right?

Why am I sharing, you may be asking yourself? Well I was recently contacted by two different people to sit on a two different panels to first discuss my involvement in agriculture education and secondly to share my experience about my education, career path, work experiences, as well as my advice for success. Truth be told, I did not receive any of my degrees in agriculture specifically. I received both my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from

Illinois State University in the fields of Recreation Management and Recreation Administration. I have experience in parks, college athletics, event management, hospitality, coaching, and fitness. So what do I have to tell students or young professionals about agriculture or my involvement in the field?

While I do have the background and experience of growing up on a farm, being involved in both 4-H and FFA as well as having friends and family in the agriculture industry, I think it's important for people to know that just because I don't fit the "mold" of a typical agriculture major, my knowledge and experiences have led me into a new career that I never saw coming.

When I was in school, I loved hearing about other people's journeys because no two are the same and no one journey is "right" or "wrong." Our paths are supposed to be unique and filled with adventures of twists, turns, different environments, new people, and various experiences. Without them, our skills and qualities won't be utilized to

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their max potential. I think it's important for students and adults alike to realize that while we may start out on a particular career path, we may find our way into a whole new trail. Our past experiences in combination with our knowledge gained along the way hold a great value.

We oftentimes forget how broad the field of agriculture stretches and how agriculture is rooted in many different careers. Just because you didn't

grow up on a farm on go to school for a specific agriculture field of study doesn't mean that you don't possess the skills and knowledge to excel in the agriculture industry. Life is not about fitting into specific boxes or staying in our comfort zones. As Neale Donald Walsch said, "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone." I encourage you to do something that pushes you outside your comfort zone, meet, and talk to new people.

You may never know where your next big opportunity will come from or who may know someone who can help you along your journey.

All of this to say life can sometimes throw you a curve ball but if you've put in the time and practice you'll be prepared to knock the ball out of the park and find yourself playing a whole new ball game.

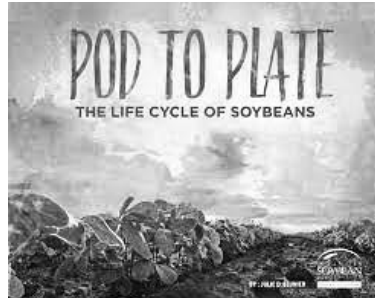
Happy April!

Book of the month

As the days grow longer and temperatures rise, farmers are eager to head to the fields to begin their spring planting season. Every spring, farmers plant seeds of opportunity and potential. The seeds they sow will soon blossom and transform into something we will eventually consume, wear, or utilize in some fashion.

The book of the month for April is *Pod to Plate: The Life Cycle of Soybeans* written by Julie Blunier. This real-life and informative story guides readers along the journey soybeans take to our very own plates and products we use daily. Blunier captures the life-cycle of soybeans in a behind-the-scenes look, from the

tractors and equipment used to plant, keep the crops healthy, harvest, and transport the crops. Readers will also see how soybeans are broken down and processed into things like soybean meal (food) for farm animals, chocolate we consume, crayons we color with and even



Pod to Plate: The Life Cycle of Soybeans by Julie Blunier

biodiesel used to fuel our school buses!

To view soybeans cycle of life or for yourself, come on in to the Kane County Farm Bureau office and check out our FREE KCFB Library, then check out *Pod to Plate: The Life Cycle of Soybeans*. The Kane County Farm Bureau Library was made possible by Bob Konen and Dean Dunn, and later supported by the Bob Konen Family.

If you're interested in learning more about *Pod to Plate: The Life Cycle of Soybeans*, virtually join Illinois Ag in the Classroom on Thursday, April 8th at 1:00pm for a virtual author visit with the author herself, Julie Blunier! Follow KCFB on Facebook for more info!

Online lessons and resources abound

Don't forget that Kane County Farm Bureau and Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) are offering online lessons and resources to help educators, parents and students. Lessons can be seen here: <https://beyondthebarndoor.wordpress.com/>. Look inside these pages for a schedule of April lessons and activities.

Kane County Farm Bureau will be sharing these lessons on its Facebook page – find it by

searching "Kane County Farm Bureau" on Facebook.

Kane County Farm Bureau and Illinois Farm Bureau invite teachers, parents and students to use these resources as alternative activities or e-learning activities while schools are closed or anytime free learning resources are needed.

Visit www.agintheclassroom.org or call 630-584-8660 for more details.

April
Lessons and Activities Schedule

Theme: Soybeans
Subtheme: Earth Day

March 31st	April Classroom Challenge: Clean Up Your School Yard or Neighborhood
April 1st	Lesson for the week of April 5th: My Little Seed House from NAITC
April 1st	Virtual Field Trip: Clarkson Grain
April 8th	Lesson for the week of April 12th: Water Cycle In-A-Bag
April 8th	Virtual Author Visit: Julie Blunier, <i>Pod to Plate</i>
April 9th	Family Engagement Challenge: Soybean Plastic from NAITC
April 14th	Family Cooking Challenge: Stir Fry
April 15th	Lesson for the week of April 19th: Colors of Your Plate
April 17th	May PD in Your PJs
April 22nd	Lesson for the week of April 26th: A Windy Lift

All activities and lessons will be released on the IAITC Facebook and Instagram pages on their release dates.

Helping you protect what matters most

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See you at

Touch-A-Tractor



Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Kelcee Miller, Ag Literacy Coordinator

Corn, soybeans and high tech



1. Field map: Farmers upload all their field maps to an iPad with guidance lines. This allows them to double-check that they are using the right field map on the planter monitor before planting the field.
2. Tractor functions: Similar to your car's "check engine" light, when something goes wrong on the tractor, this is the screen that alerts the farmer.
3. Planter activity: This monitor controls the auto-steer and allows farmers to control seed spacing, plant population, and seed to soil contact – all imperative to getting a plant to grow.
4. Insecticide placement: Based on what the soil needs in specific areas, farmers can control how much insecticide is placed in furrows and on the soil as they move through the field.

Farmers have a common goal: To make a living and to care for their land, which has often been in their families for generations. They have a commitment to getting maximum yield from their fields while caring for the environment that sustains their livelihood. Modern technology helps the current generation in this quest. Here are some of the modern tools farmers use.

GPS links in tractors and combines guide farmers through the fields with more precision than was previously possible. Crops are precisely planted and after harvest, farmers can download the GPS data they've accumulated and analyze it to plan for cover crops, fertilizer and planting next spring.

DRONES allow farmers to view, or oversee their fields in a few minutes, rather than hours. That rapid overview can help tremendously in surveying insect or storm damage and in checking the overall health of crops.

THE CLOUD allows farmers to upload info and retrieve easily. That data can be analyzed over the winter, giving farmers an accurate "map" for applying fertilizer or pesticides only where they are needed.

Farmers and technology

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- Navigation
- Remote
- Resources
- Seeds
- Smart phone
- Soil
- Soybeans
- Spring
- Technology
- Weather

Food for hard-working farmers

- Ingredients**
- (1) 12 count package Hawaiian sweet rolls
 - 3/4 pound roast beef, thinly sliced
 - 3/4 pound extra sharp cheddar cheese, thinly sliced
 - 1 stick butter, melted
 - 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 1/2 tablespoon poppy seeds (optional)
 - 2 teaspoons minced dried onion
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper

- Directions**
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9X13" baking pan with foil, and spray with non-stick cooking spray. Set aside.
 - Open the rolls from their package, slide out the roll tray, and slice rolls in half, so roll tops

are in one "sheet", and roll bottoms are in another "sheet". Place the sheet of bottoms in the prepared baking dish.



Layer half of the roast beef on the rolls, then layer all of the cheese, and top cheese with remaining half of roast beef. Top

with the sheet of the tops. Set aside.

Melt the butter in a small microwave safe bowl, about a minute. Whisk in the Worcestershire sauce, mustard, poppy seeds (optional), onion, salt, and pepper. Evenly pour this over the tops of the rolls. Cover with foil, and allow to rest (soak up the goodness!) for 10 minutes.

Bake covered for 20 minutes, remove the foil, and bake for another 5 to 8 minutes. Slice into individual sliders, and serve!

To keep the sliders warm on the go or for quick meals for spring fieldwork – wrap them individually in tinfoil or wrap the whole pan in a towel and enjoy with a side of chips and an apple!

Recipe & other slider options found by McKenna Berglind at: <https://www.everydaymadefresh.com/roast-beef-cheddar-sliders/>

DIY phone stand from recycled TP rolls

- Materials**
- 1 toilet paper roll
 - Washi tape
 - 4 push pins (tacks)
 - Markers
 - Cutter or exacto-knife
 - Craft scissors

- Directions**
- 1) Place your phone over the toilet paper roll and trace around it to mark the hole where the phone will stand once the holder is complete and cut out the marked hole
 - 2) Cover and wrap the Washi tape around the entire roll (You'll notice it will make a small hollow which is good as it will help you with the next steps)
 - 3) Mark a dot about 1" away

from the middle of the edge of the hole. Do the same on the other side too. Then draw a line between the 2 dots and connect them.

4) Connect each dot with the corners of the hole (from step 1), draw a line so you form a "V" and repeat on the other end.

5) Using a cutting tool or small scissors, cut along the line and each side of the "V" and repeat for the other end.

6) Press the disconnected Washi tape strip towards the inside and tape it to the toilet paper roll (on the inside) and repeat for other end.

7) Now press each "V" towards the inside and tape them to the toilet paper roll.

8) Add some finishing touches by adding Washi tape around each edge by taping it around the toilet paper roll half way only, then push the tape (the half hanging off) towards the inside and tape to the toilet paper roll or decorate as you see fit!

9) Add 2 push pins at both

April is ...

- National**
- Burrito Day 1st
 - Peanut Butter & Jelly Day 2nd
 - Easter 4th
 - Walking Day 7th
 - Pet Day 11th
 - Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day 12th
 - Peach Cobbler Day 13th
 - Gardening Day 14th
 - Garlic Day 19th
 - Tea Day 21st
 - Earth Day 22nd
 - Picnic Day 23rd
 - Pretzel Day 26th
 - Prime Rib Day 27th
 - Blueberry Pie Day 28th

- National**
- Distracted Driving Awareness Month
 - Keep America Beautiful Month
 - Gardening Month
 - Humor Month
 - Pecan Month
 - Pet Month
 - Soft Pretzel Month

ends of the roll as stabilizer feet, place your phone in your new holder, and enjoy! Make sure the distance between the pins at one end and the ones at the other end is wider than your phone; this way the phone won't get scratched.

This craft discovered by McKenna Berglind may be found at: <https://theseamanmom.com/easy-diy-phone-holder-with-toilet-paper-rolls/2/>



Jokes:

Why are people always so tired on Earth Day?
Because they just finished a March

Why is grass so dangerous?
Because it's full of blades!

Why did the sun go to school?
To get brighter

What did the little tree say to the big tree?
Leaf me alone!

Why are recycle bins optimistic?
Because they're full of cans!

Congratulations

Jennifer Haviland from Elgin is this month's winner! Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search Puzzle. For her participation, she receives a food and snack themed prize. Thank you, Jennifer, for reading the Kane County Farmer and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone (____) _____ Email _____ Age _____

Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 by April 15, 2021 to be entered in our drawing for an agriculture themed prize.
 Prize must be picked up at the KCFB office within one month of newspaper publication.



Phones planted like pliers in farmer pockets

I still remember the spring when an unnamed farmer attempted to grow a crop of cell phones.

While outside the tractor cab in the field, he had dropped then driven over his two-week-old cell phone twice. Once with a planter and soon after with a tillage implement that placed it subsurface like a seed.

The soil rang. He found the phone. The dirty flip phone (this

was 2009) could dial the local equipment dealership with a breakdown. However, the shattered screen left him unable to read a text message about the commodity markets. A new phone soon suspended from a bungee cord on his collar, safe keeping for a device that farmers, like most Americans, find too important to go without.

Cell phones, and specifically smartphones, have arguably surpassed the importance of pliers to the daily farmer attire. The tool has yet to tightly wire a gate, but it wields the power to access everything from local weather to global agriculture markets at our sometimes-soiled fingertips.

Grandpa, who farmed with literal horsepower in childhood, never imagined a handheld device could text and email business partners and display

instant radar images, yet function as a flashlight. Remotely, we can control the grain dryer and monitor the solar array's energy production. Apps on the device deliver field-by-field rainfall totals, timely agriculture podcasts and virtual farm teleconferences. Smartphones grant rural families the conveniences any modern American families employ, such as online shopping, restaurant pickup orders, voice-guided navigation and live virtual access to anything allowed.

From the bleachers at a home basketball game, my daughter and I watched a calf's birth via live video footage from barn cameras at the home farm. We found true delight in witnessing the little heifer stand within 30 minutes and gallop about the straw in another 10.

The smartphone provides

our camera, calendar and calculator. It replaced the dinner bell for summoning family members from the barnyard and, quite precisely, can track their location out in the fields. It provides a hotspot for homework, a device to fill downtime and an app to identify constellations on a starry summer night.

The future likely will bring more exciting conveniences and practical uses, but for now, a key function on our farm remains conversation, both

business and social. The same phone that calls the local grain elevator to market corn also orders the Sunday night pizza. It texts a question about production records and reaches relatives seldom seen when planting season peaks, assuming no one plants the device and needs a replacement.

About the author: Joanie Stiers' family grows corn, soybeans and hay and raises beef cattle and backyard chickens in West-Central Illinois.

Pulled Pork Madness—who has Illinois' best? 16 establishments have been loaded into the bracket

The Illinois Pork Producers Association has launched their annual contest to spread awareness of the best pulled pork dishes in the state. Much like the NCAA March Madness system, IPPA created a "Pulled Pork Madness" tournament in 2019, comprised of voting from social media participants.

The polls were open in early March for suggestions of the best places to find pulled pork across the state. Of the 226 nominations, 16 establishments with the most votes to their name have been loaded into a bracket.

Each week leading up to April 12, votes will be taken to advance the favorites into the Elite 8, Final 4, and then the Championship Round. You can participate by finding the voting link on IPPA social media channels or ilpork.com.

At the time of this writing, entries had been narrowed to

the Sweet 16 listed below. The bracket consists of the following businesses:

- 3 Headed Monster BBQ – Shannon
- Annie's Eats – Bloomington
- Big Catz BBQ – Knoxville
- Deep South BBQ – McLeansboro
- JV's – Waterloo
- Li'l Willy's BBQ – Springfield
- Lil Smoked – Dixon
- My Buddy's – Jacksonville
- Notorious P.I.G – Decatur
- Pauly's BBQ – Arthur
- Richard's Farm Restaurant – Casey
- Rooster's Market – Marshall
- Smoked on 3rd – Sterling
- Smokin Pig BBQ – Olney
- The Hangout Bar & Grill – Jacksonville
- Triple P BBQ – Rock Falls

The champion of "Pulled Pork Madness" will be awarded a custom trophy from Curtin's

Creations and a \$250 check. Winner will be announced on April 12.

"Pulled Pork Madness is a friendly competition to promote pulled pork dishes and our quality pork product," says Alan Kollmann, IPPA President. "The bracket would not have been possible without all the nominations from social media followers and pig farmers alike."

IPPA plans to continue the bracket challenge annually, highlighting a different pork product each year. Be sure to follow IPPA on their social media channels to stay up to date with pork industry news, recipes, and cooking tutorials.



Thanks to our Donors...

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Farm Bureau 2021 State Legislative Priorities

- Seek to maintain the tax policy provisions that currently exist in Illinois that provide economic stability for the agricultural industry including the agricultural sales tax exemptions for seed, feed, fertilizer/chemicals, and equipment.
- Work to maintain adequate state funding for key Illinois Department of Agriculture programs like meat/poultry/egg inspectors, environmental programs, warehouse oversight, and veterinarian programs. This includes advocating for a viable and independent Illinois Department of Agriculture.
- Maintain a balanced process for siting livestock farms through the Livestock Management Facilities Act (LMFA) that protects both the environment and farmers' ability to raise livestock.
- Support legislation limiting liability on agritourism for inherent risks.
- Support the expansion and enhancement of high-speed broadband while protecting the private property rights of farmers during the installation, maintenance, and upgrading of current services.
- Engage in renewable energy policy discussions to minimize the negative impact to agriculture and to promote the use of renewable fuels as a solution for reducing emissions from the transportation sector.
- Support Biofuels markets through programs that encourage the use of ethanol and soybean-based biodiesel.
- Support Illinois Farmer Mental Health Assistance Program.
- Educate members of the General Assembly on the importance of the Farmland Assessment Law.

Master Gardeners open e-help desk for 2021

Each March marks the annual reopening of the Master Gardener Help Desk services in DuPage, Kane, and Kendall counties. These trained University of Illinois Extension volunteers field community questions on trees, shrubs, lawns, flowers, vegetables, and other plant-related topics.

For the 2021 growing season, residents can continue to get valuable personal gardening advice from local Extension Master Gardener volunteers via email requests.

"Popular topics this time of year include weather, lawn care, spring blooms, and starting vegetable seeds indoors," said Richard Hentschel, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "Master Gardeners can advise on what needs to be done in gardens and yards, including pruning, dividing, soil sampling,

weed or disease control and prevention, and much more."

To connect with your county's Master Gardener Help Desk, email your question and any additional information that can help to: uiemg-dupage@illinois.edu, uiemg-kane@illinois.edu or uiemg-kendall@illinois.edu

Your submission should include details to provide background for the Master Gardeners. This may include yard location, planting date, age of plant, any products used, number of plants affected, or other pertinent information. They also encourage residents to email a few photos that relate to the question. For tips on taking great photos, visit go.illinois.edu/HelpDeskMGdtk.

Trained volunteers answered 571 help requests in 2020

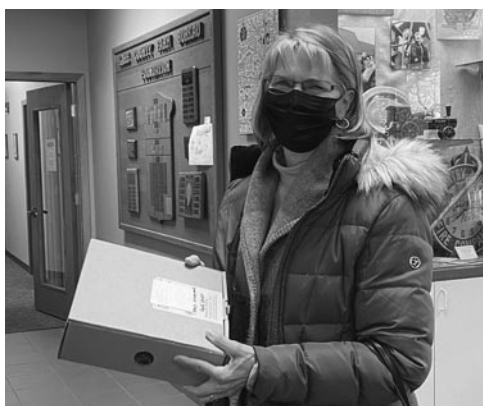


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'Tis the season for grilling!

Stop in the KCFB office to look at the selection of Inboden's meats. Pictured is KCFB member Cathy Cheney, smiling big under her mask and holding a box of her family's favorite pork chops.
KCFB photo by Kelcee Miller.



Recruiter of the Month

Each month we honor the person who signs the most members into our organization. This month, the honor goes to Donna Tonovitz! Donna has been a COUNTRY Financial Representative since July 2004. Her office is located at 1750 E. Main St., Unit 90, St. Charles and may be reached at: 630-549-7694. Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations on your success!



What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

St. Charles Agency, Bob Effner, Agency Manager

Orazio Difruscolo has been named the Rep of the Month for February 2021 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF, LUTCF. Orazio has provided tangible plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of his clients through COUNTRY Financial's diverse products and services: Auto, Farm, Home, Life, Business, Retirement. Let Orazio's expertise help you! You may reach Orazio at 630-549-7696, orazio.difruscolo@countryfinancial.com, or <https://representatives.countryfinancial.com/orazio.difruscolo/>. Congratulations, Orazio!

Aurora Agency, Alonzo Nevarez, Agency Manager

Brandon Kopf, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for February, 2021. Brandon began his career with COUNTRY Financial in June of 2005 and services clients out of his office located at: 450 W. Galena Blvd, Aurora, 60506, 630-801-0946.

Brandon's professionalism, community involvement and vast knowledge of auto, home, life and commercial make him a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Brandon!

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Classified advertising rates: 20 cents per word/\$20 minimum (60 words or less). **DISCOUNTS** for members: Associate members, 20%; Voting members, 30%; PLUS members, 40%. Advance payment requested. Ads due by the 15th of every month for the next issue. No advertising (classified or display) for financial or insurance services will be accepted. Call 630-584-8660.

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Farm employee, some experience necessary, FT & PT or both. CDL helpful. Call: 630-951-9238

Want to buy vintage & used tools. Also, we do cleanouts. Call Chris – 630 550 7182

FREE

FREE: Gently used garage door, rails and opener. Four solid panels and 1 window panel that are 16 feet wide. Door is dismantled and waiting for you to pick up in Elgin, off Route 20 and Randall. Call Lisa – 708-927-9099

Welcome to the next level

This month we welcome the following KCFB members who joined our organization or reclassified their membership in August to *Regular or Professional Status:

- Regular Members**
Scott Cherry..... Montgomery
Aaron Gabor St. Charles

We remind you of added perks that accompany your new Regular member or Professional Status and thank you for supporting KCFB's efforts at advocacy, education and hunger relief:

- Professional networking

opportunities & engagement with farmers

- Agriculture, farm & food news delivered to your door
- New subscription to FarmWeek, the largest weekly agriculture newspaper
- Access to *FarmWeekNow.com*
- KCFB voting rights & ILFB delegate opportunities
- Continuing subscription to the *Kane County Farmer* newspaper
- Free annual registration at one of 7 statewide conferences
- 302,000 member discounts, including Ford, Lincoln, John Deere, Case IH, restaurants,

hotels & travel

- Discounts at the KCFB Country Store on in-house sales of featured local foods

*KCFB Regular membership is required of all who join our association that have a vested interest in and receive income from the production of farm products as an owner or operator of a farm business. Professional Membership status is available for all those employed in agriculture-related occupations, even with no farm income. If you are interested in "next level" membership and the benefits it carries, please contact KCFB in St. Charles at (630) 584-8660.

Attention Bounty of Kane participants

We need your help in updating the Discover the Bounty of Kane directory. As you know, the directory publicizes Kane County direct farm markets and farmer's markets, with dates, locations and an interactive map.

We ask that you check your online listing at www.bounty-ofkane.org carefully for accuracy and links. If changes are needed, please complete and

return the enclosed information sheet to us by Friday, April 16th. If you have changed your web address, please report that so we can link to your market's listing on our website. For any questions, please email info@kanecfb.com or call Steve or Alice at 630-584-8660.

Bounty of Kane participants only (not Farmer's Markets): A current KCFB regular (MM) membership is a prerequisite for

the Bounty of Kane online directory. If your membership dues have not been paid, please call Liz Polovin at 630-584-8660 to renew.

Thanks for your participation.



Summer Ag Institutes set

Kane County teachers will have a unique and exciting opportunity to tour local farms, meet farmers and earn college graduate credits from St. Francis University this summer. Kane County Farm Bureau is hosting its Summer Ag Institute beginning July 12.

The Summer Ag Institute is scheduled for 4 days, Monday, July 12th - Thursday, July 15th from 8 am to 4 pm each day. Kane County Farm Bureau is the gathering point for teachers to board a bus and tour local farms, agri-businesses and manufacturers, where they will get a clear picture of how agriculture affects our daily lives. The tours will reveal the essentials of

research, production, processing, marketing, transportation and retailing that takes food from farm fields to dinner tables. Teachers will learn from farmers, growers, experts in various fields and a crew of dedicated volunteers who share their knowledge and enthusiasm for agriculture, while networking with like-minded peers.

If you are interested in learning more about GMO's, sustainability, organic practices, local foods, global populations or other farm and food related issues, consider

attending our KCFB Summer Ag Institute!

For more information on the Summer Ag Institute, contact Kelcee Miller at KCFB, 630-584-8660 or aic@kanecfb.com, or look for the course listing online through the Kane County Regional Office of Education.



KCFB offers FREE Grain Bin Safety stickers

Farmers everywhere know that a whole lot of grain went into storage in the fall of 2020. Management of that stored grain can result in injuries or death so safety is a constant concern for grain handlers. Grain Safety Week is April 13-17, and Kane County Farm Bureau is working to raise awareness about grain handling and storage hazards. Kane County Farm Bureau has FREE Grain Bin Warning decals available to area farmers. The die-cut decals are 12 x 12 inches and are overlaminated vinyl for outdoor use. The decal lists prudent grain safety procedure. Farm families wishing to get stickers can stop by Kane County Farm Bureau or call us at 630-584-8660.

Win a pedal tractor at Touch-A-Tractor

The Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation will draw the name of one lucky child to



win a FREE pedal tractor at the conclusion of Touch-A-Tractor on April 18. Return the form below to KCFB by April 18 or sign up at Touch-A-Tractor, April 16, 17 and 18. The pedal tractor drawing is open only to children 8 and under. Entrant's name, age, and phone must appear on the form.

You can also receive one (1) additional entry to the FREE Pedal Tractor Drawing for each child or grandchild in your family by bringing non-perishable food items to Touch-A-Tractor. Food items will then be donated to a local food pantry. Winner need not be present to win.

FREE Pedal Tractor Drawing

(For children 8 and under. Entrant's age must appear on the form below)

Please enter me in the Kane County Farm Bureau's FREE Pedal Tractor Drawing.

Name _____ Age _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Return by Sunday, April 18 to: Kane County Farm Bureau,
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In 2018, we encouraged the community to join us in our 10,000 Gallon Milk Challenge by buying and donating to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. With the successful event in mind we are shifting gears a little bit in 2021. We are excited to be working with Prairie Farms Dairy in their Our Caps, Your Cause program. Simply purchase Prairie Farms Dairy white or chocolate milk in a gallon or a half gallon, or Prairie Farms iced coffee, and peel off the special Our Caps, Your Cause sticker to reveal a unique, redeemable code. For every redeemable code, Prairie Farms will give 5-cents to Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation. We hope you will join us in our next challenge and bring your milk caps into KCFB or mail them to us. In the meantime, keep drinking your milk and save your caps all year long! It's a small change that can make a big difference!

If you'd like to enter the codes, online follow these steps:

Go to <https://www.prairiefarms.com/>

- Click "Our Caps, Your Cause" at the top of the page
- Click the orange box that says "Redeem Codes Now"
- Under the first category menu select "Education"
- Under the next category select "Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, St. Charles, IL"
- Enter your codes in the boxes below
- Click "Donate" in the orange box at the bottom to submit your cap codes.



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Dolores Groneman was our February word search winner and stopped by KCFB recently to pick up her prize – a solar garden lantern. Thank you, Dolores, for reading the Kane County Farmer and enjoy your prize!
KCFB photo by Kelcee Miller.



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- Explore modern farm machines & antique tractors
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- Play on the seat of real farm tractors
- Enter children & grandchildren 8 & under in a FREE drawing for a pedal tractor (1 entry per child)
- See technology that makes America's farmers the most productive and efficient in the world, side-by-side with machines of days gone by
- Learn about America's most essential industry ... Agriculture!

Bring non-perishable food items for an additional ticket for the free pedal-tractor drawing for kids 8 & under.



**Friday-Sunday,
April 16-18**

Fri. 12 - 4
Sat. 10 - 4
Sun. 10 - 3

**Kane County Farm Bureau
Randall Road
at Oak Street,
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Vintage Truck RAFFLE



**2021 Grand Prize: 1972 Chevrolet C-20
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4. Begin shopping!

To verify that you've followed the steps properly, at the check-out portion of your purchase there will be a box stating, "Supporting Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation." You will also see on various items that it will say, "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation."



One of the biggest events of the year is coming up April 16-18th right here on the Kane County Farm Bureau lawn: Touch-A-Tractor!

By buying raffle tickets for the KCFB Foundation's 2021 Vintage Truck Raffle, you are not only supporting Ag in the Classroom learning and scholarships for students with agriculture-focused studies, you can get yourself AND your family into our Touch-A-Tractor event for FREE. It's a win-win.

The grand prize winner in the annual raffle will be drawn September 9. The winning ticket will take home a 1972 Chevrolet C/20 camper special. Second prize is \$500 in groceries and third prize \$500 in fuel.

Tickets are \$15 each, 2 for \$25 or 5 for \$50 and are available at Kane County Farm Bureau (2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles), from the Farm Bureau directors listed on page 2, with VISA or MasterCard at

630-584-8660, or by sending payment with the ticket request form below.

Since 1989, over \$400,000 in tuition assistance has been provided by the Foundation. Your contributions through the annual raffle and other events throughout the year play a huge role in helping students attain

their degrees, reach their goals, and assist in securing a bright future for farms and food.

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