

Kane County Farmer



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Enhance the quality of life for member families;
Promote agriculture, farms & food; and,
Advocate good stewardship of our land and resources.

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Farm Bureau supports local 4-H'ers

Sunday at the Kane County Fair is Blue Ribbon Sale day. Each year the 4-H Foundation Blue Ribbon Sale Committee hosts an auction of grand champions, reserve champions and other livestock from 4-H exhibitors at the fair. This year, 13 cattle, 26 hogs and 14 lambs along with numerous chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and rabbits generated approximately \$143,000 in income for local 4-H'ers!

The Blue Ribbon Sale provides an additional opportunity for 4-H'ers to get in the show ring, exhibit their livestock and learn by doing. It also allows businesses, families, politicians and organizations to purchase quality animals which were raised and cared for by Kane County 4-H'ers. The Blue Ribbon Sale supports the entire 4-H program, with a portion of the sale proceeds going to the 4-H Foundation. Perhaps best of all for the successful bidder, buyers of Blue Ribbon livestock are invited to an annual Buyer's Picnic at Lions Park in Elburn – an end-of-the-show-season celebration – for a delicious meal and a plaque with a photo of the exhibitor and his/her animal.

The Kane County Farm Bureau has always been a proud supporter of the Blue Ribbon Sale. This year the Farm Bureau placed the winning bid on the

Grand Champion Fat Heifer and one hog. For numerous others, KCFB helped drive the price, and therefore the income of 4-H'ers.

In addition to a celebratory meal and taking pride and satisfaction in supporting 4-H'ers and the 4-H Foundation, all buyers are publicly recognized in news releases and radio programs. The fairgrounds prominently displays a buyer recognition sign at next year's fair. And the thank-you cards from 4-H'ers can be, well, priceless.

For more information on the Blue Ribbon Sale or to learn how to support 4-H or the

4-H Foundation, contact the 4-H Extension office at (630) 584-6166.

In one of the more touching moments of the 2021 Blue Ribbon Sale, 11 year old Miranda Schramer of Maple Park (center), displayed her Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen with the assistance of sisters Paige (left) aged 7 and Tessa (right) aged 9. Well rewarded for their efforts, Miranda's lot fetched \$1,800 and sister Tessa's Reserve Grand Champion lot, \$1,500. As for the Grand Champion Standard Rooster also shown at the fair by Miranda, you have to ask grandparents Mark and Linda Schramer about the price he fetched!



Where are they now?

KCFB catches up with Foundation scholarship recipients

Kane County Farm Bureau touched base recently with three recipients of Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation schol-

arships. We asked the following questions of Lynda Gould, Buddy Haas and Erin Kettelkamp and their answers are reproduced below:

4. Do you have any words of wisdom for students who want to pursue ag degrees?

with locations in Ashton and Kaneville.

How did your KCFB scholarship help you attain your college degree?

The KCFB scholarship, along with other scholarships, allowed me to attend and graduate from University of Illinois College of ACES, and then the College of Veterinary Medicine with less than average student debt. The debt to income ratio for veterinarians is crushing, and a serious problem for the long-term health of our profession. Although I still had significant loans when I graduated, I was able to take more financial risks after graduation, which eventually allowed me to provide a better standard of living for my own family, as well as for my employees. I am still

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AUGUST FEATURED FOOD Bratwurst

Back by popular demand! The special for August is Bratwurst. The box contains 20 delicious award winning Inboden's bratwurst ... a must have for your summer grilling!

The member price is \$29.00 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 May or while supply lasts.



Lynda Gould



Buddy Haas



Erin Kettelkamp

1. Where are you living now and what are you doing?

2. Did your KCFB scholarship help you attain your college degree?

3. Is agriculture still an important part of your life?

Lynda Gould

Where are you living now and what are you doing?

I recently moved back to the Elburn area, and own and manage Ashton Animal Clinic, a mixed animal veterinary prac-

Farm toy of the month— Case IH playset

August's featured toy is full of equipment that will keep little ones (age 3 and up) busy for hours managing and moving materials on the farm. This farm toy playset from Tomy features Case IH tractors, pickup trucks, hauling wagons, trailers, an anhydrous ammonia tank and horses – all needing to be managed to make a young farmer's farm flourish.

Regular price is \$22.44, but Farm Bureau members receive a 10% discount in August. Stop in, say hi and corral your toy today.



Don't miss out on Fresh Peaches!

Turn to page 3 to order Southern Illinois peaches – a sweet summer treat!

Drive Thru BBQ Fundraiser for KCFB Foundation – August 12

Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation is teaming up with Fay's Finest Foods of Waterman to offer its members and the public a convenient and delicious way to raise money for our college scholarships and agricultural literacy program efforts. It happens Thursday, August 12 on the parking lot at the Farm Bureau on Randall Road in St. Charles.

From 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., drive-thru diners can choose from 3 meals at \$15 each (if paid in advance), a **2 pork chop meal**; or **2 chicken quarters**; or a **1 pork chop, 1 chicken quarter**

combo. All meals will come with baked beans, cole slaw, apple sauce, a roll and butter.

The Farm Bureau parking lot will be set-up for fast and convenient drive-thru service, order for the entire family! Meals will also be available on a limited basis for drive-ups without a reservation at a slightly higher, \$16.00 price.

All sales will benefit the KCFB Foundation and meal reservation and pre-payment is encouraged. To reserve your meals and pre-pay, return the form on page 6 or call KCFB at 630-584-8660.

KCFB CALENDAR AUGUST 2021

- 2-20** KCFB Foundation "Growing our Future" online campaign
- 3** National Night Out, Campton Hills, 5-8 p.m., Kane County Sheriff's Dept., 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 6** *Board of Directors Retreat, Noon-5 pm
- *KCFB Foundation Scholars Recognition, 5:30 p.m.
- *Volunteer/Donor Appreciation & Cougar Baseball, 6:30 p.m.
- 10** Young Farmers Discussion Meet REGISTRATION DUE
- 11** Last Day to Order Peaches!
- 12** Board of Directors, 7pm
- 12** Drive-thru BBQ fundraiser, KCFB 3-7 p.m.
- 12-22** Illinois State Fair, Springfield
- 16** Peach Pick Up, 10am-5:30pm
- 17** IFB District 1 & 2 Young Farmer Discussion Meet, 6:30pm, DeKalb CFB
- 19** Kane County Board Ag Cmte., 10 am, County Administration Bldg.

All at Kane County Farm Bureau unless otherwise noted.

*Events at Kane County Cougars stadium, Cherry Lane, Geneva.



Help GROW the future of agriculture in Kane County: Donate Today!

As a member of the agriculture community, you take pride in the work we can accomplish when we come together with a common goal. This month we are asking for your support to help reach our goal to inject much needed dollars into local programming funded through the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation.

You may already know about the great work of our counties' Agriculture in the Classroom program and the many students who receive support through college scholarships. Maybe you or someone you know was the recipient of a scholarship, or you have volun-

teered to help at an Ag in the Classroom event.

But did you know that much of this local work is dependent on the support of our Farm Bureau members and agriculture community supporters? As

going to <https://www.kanecfb.com/> and clicking on the Donate button on the Growing our Future banner. After you make your donation, please share the page with others you'd like to invite to get involved. Over the

next three weeks our goal is to raise \$3,000. By giving, and encouraging others to do the same, YOU will make a difference for agriculture and education, and help lead our growth for the future!

For more information on the activities of the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, please see page 8.

Thank you for giving generously!



we approach a new school year, we are setting new goals to grow our impact, and we need your help.

Donating is as simple as

the activities of the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, please see page 8.

Scholarships

(continued from page 1) feeling the positive effects of a scholarship now, more than a decade later.

Is agriculture still an important part of your life?

Of course! As one of the few veterinary clinics in the area that serve large animals, we provide services to many types of farms, from production feedlots to small hobby goat farms. Even if a farm only produces crops, I still probably get to see their barn cats or guard dogs!

Do you have any words of wisdom for students who want to pursue ag degrees?

Agriculture fosters the best kind of people in the world. For a while in high school, I imagined pursuing interests outside of agriculture, but changed my career path to be able to spend time with the trustworthy, kind, and hardworking people that I knew from my childhood.

Buddy Haas

Where are you living now and what are you doing?

I currently live in Elburn, and I am one of the agriculture education teachers and FFA Advisors at Central High School in Burlington.

How did your KCFB scholarship help you attain your college degree?

The first answer is the financial support really helped me to be able to purchase my books, and materials I needed to be prepared and successful in college. Yet, to me it wasn't all about the money. The scholarship really gave me the boost of confidence I needed in myself to know that what I was doing was worthwhile and that I wanted to give back to Kane County. I grew up showing livestock at the county fair, and there was a large number of people who applied and all were quality candidates and it gave me a sense of pride and confidence knowing that the

Farm Bureau saw something in me and was worthy of receiving this scholarship and it helped fuel me to succeed at the University of Illinois.

Is agriculture still an important part of your life?

Agriculture is a major part of my life, and it has been the major constant in my life since I was 8 and joined 4-H. The agriculture community is a mighty one that offers so much potential, opportunity, and a massive network. I am thankful and grateful for the connections I have been able to make and now give back to the same industry that has laid the foundation for my career and livelihood.

Do you have any words of wisdom for students who want to pursue ag degrees?

Agriculture is such a massive industry and there is a lot of options and opportunities out there. My biggest piece of advice is to take the leap of faith and give it a shot. I am proud of my degrees that I have received, but the greatest impact college had on me was the network that I created and the friends I have gained from it because it was the first time I was in an area where we all had similar passions. Regardless of the path and career you want to have, I would recommend to go find a program that interests you, whether that be at a trade school, community college, or a university, because the connections you make will stay with you for a lifetime and could possibly open more doors for you than you could imagine.

Erin Kettelkamp

Where are you living now and what are you doing?

I am a veterinarian working with the Swine Vet Center based out of Southern Minnesota. With the practice, my time is spent traveling to different production systems to consult on swine health and production, as well as conducting field research trials.

Most of my research projects today revolve around system biosecurity to mitigate the spread of infectious diseases.

How did your KCFB scholarship help you attain your college degree?

Over my cumulative eight years of college, I have been fortunate to receive over \$10,000 in scholarships from the Kane County Farm Bureau. The monetary support has helped significantly reduce my student loan burden now that I have graduated veterinary school. In addition, maintaining my KCFB membership has kept me connected to the ag industry while away from home.

Is agriculture still an important part of your life?

Agriculture has always been an integral part of my life. Farming has been my family's primary source of income for several generations. Going to school I had goals to become a veterinarian, but I also knew I wanted to stay involved in the agriculture industry. Being a swine veterinarian allows me to dedicate time to animal health, but also focus on hog production in systems all across the Midwest.

Do you have any words of wisdom for students who want to pursue ag degrees?

Surround yourself with people in ag that you admire that can help guide you towards a successful career. Reach out and job shadow anyone with a "cool job" that you can learn from. Take advantage of internship opportunities to learn new skills and set yourself apart in the industry. The ag community is a tight knit group - networking and being involved in various organizations both in and out of school can only help you find new opportunities to help you achieve your goals!

The Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation awarded over \$18,000 in scholarships for the 2021-22 school year.



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.

KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE JANUARY 2021 THRU DECEMBER 2021

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* Attendance by electronic means. ^ Attending IFB Leaders to Washington program.

30 ACRE JANES FARM BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP

The Janes Farm is relatively flat, sloping from the west to the east and has a soil PI of 136. It is located in beautiful and rural Kane County along Lukens Road 4.3 miles southwest of Burlington, IL. It is also approximately 11 miles from DeKalb, IL and 13 miles from Northern Illinois University. Price: \$405,000.

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Illinois is an agriculture powerhouse

Marketing of Illinois' agricultural commodities generates more than \$19 billion annually. Billions more dollars flow into the state's economy from ag-related industries, such as farm machinery manufacturing, agricultural real estate, and production and sale of value-added food products. Rural Illinois benefits principally from agricultural production, while agricultural processing and manufacturing strengthen urban economies.

Snapshots from the 2021 Kane County Fair

Kane County Farm Bureau and its not-for-profit Foundation had a large presence at the 152nd Kane County Fair, occupying the pavilion opposite the livestock show ring and adjacent to the 4-H fairgrounds office. Visitors to the space asked questions about food and farming, livestock at the fair, the history of farms in the area, where to get the best sweet corn

and many others.

Children were encouraged to ride vintage pedal tractors and play Ag Jenga trivia for prizes, FFA Chapters and Farm Bureau volunteers helped sand and stain an old Sears Roebuck & Co. flare-side wagon for use at Farm Bureau and community events, or as lawn art. And visitors to the space helped support our Ag Literacy and College Scholar-

ship programs by taking chances on Bucket Raffle prizes or entering our Vintage Truck Raffle.

Kane County Farm Bureau thanks it many members and supporters for stopping by to visit us at the 2021 Kane County Fair. We look forward to seeing you again in 2022, or sooner when you stop by our office on Randall Road in St Charles, adjacent to the fairgrounds.

2021 Bucket Raffle Fundraiser for the KCFB FOUNDATION

With 44 prize options offered by local merchants and supporters of the Farm Bureau's Ag Literacy efforts and the Foundation's College Scholarships, Bucket Raffles were a hit with Farm Bureau members and fair visitors. The Bucket Raffles are Kane County Fair traditions, hosted by the Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION, to support and provide scholarships and internships as well as Agriculture-in-the-Classroom activities and learning experiences.

Thank you to these local businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the silent auction and bucket raffles at the 2021 Kane County Fair. Your support of the Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION'S college scholarship and agricultural literacy programs is greatly appreciated. Winners will be notified via phone and will be listed in next month's Farmer!

- Café Roma – Elgin
- C & C Mulch – Geneva
- Centre of Elgin – Elgin
- Costco – St. Charles
- Country Donuts – Elgin
- Country House Restaurant – Batavia
- Craig & Angie Bradley – Elgin
- Dave Klussendorf – Batavia
- Eddie Gaedel Pub & Grill – Elburn
- Fast Frame – St. Charles
- FunWay Ultimate Entertainment Center – Batavia
- Graham's Fine Chocolates & Ice Cream – Geneva
- Grow Geneva
- Heinz Bros. Greenhouse and Garden Center – St. Charles
- Hill's Country Store – Kaneville
- Kane County Farm Bureau & KCFB Foundation – St. Charles
- Kuipers Family Farm – Maple Park
- Lowe's Home Improvement – Batavia
- Mike Wurtz – St. Charles
- Meadow View Veterinary Clinic – Geneva
- Nick's Pizza & Pub – Elgin
- Paisano's Pizza & Grill – Elburn
- Ream's Meat Market – Elburn
- Spirels Frozen Yogurt – Elgin
- St. Charles Bowl – St. Charles
- Sugar Grove Family Fun Center – Sugar Grove
- Target – Batavia
- Wayne Schneider & Lisa Geisler – Dundee



1. Jenga! Nora Thompson of Maple Park (left) reacts as Nave Haviland of Plato Center removes the wrong block in the Ag Jenga game in the Farm Bureau booth at the Kane County Fair. The trivia game helped fairgoers test their knowledge on farm and food topics to earn a prize from the Farm Bureau.



2. KCFB Foundation's Vintage Truck Raffle proved to be a popular attraction among fairgoers. The 1972 Chevy Cheyenne C20 was a head-turner and many who visited the Farm Bureau space at the fair decided to take a chance. The prize winner will be drawn September 9.



3. Paint our Wagon – KCFB Director Karl Kettelkamp of Kaneville sands the wood surface of a Sears Roebuck & Co. flare-sided wagon in preparation for paint and a future as a people transporter and lawn art for the Farm Bureau.

4. & 5. Two unidentified fairgoers peruse the 44 prize offerings in the KCFB Foundation's Bucket raffles, a KCFB fair tradition for over 20 years.

6. Pedal to the metal – The vintage pedal tractors were a hit with young kids and even some slightly older FFA volunteers, who couldn't resist coaxing a brief burst of speed out of the tractors.



See you next year!

Don't miss out on Fresh Peaches



The Kane County Farm Bureau is now taking orders for juicy, homegrown Peaches fresh from Rendleman Orchards, a southern Illinois grower.

These delicious peaches are washed, hydro-cooled, graded to U.S. #1 Extra, 2 1/2 inches and up in size, approximately 60 packaged in a 25 lb wax coated fancy box with a lid. They are delivered to our office on Randall Road the morning of pickup in a refrigerated truck for freshness and long lasting quality.

The grower recommends the peaches, which are available in the month of August, for their sweetness and juicy flavor. If you like to make peach pie or cobbler, or you like to can or freeze peaches, now is the time to take advantage of this once a year offer.

Peaches are highly perishable. They are shipped when they are a little green so that when they arrive they are not bruised with juice running out of the box. The grower recommends that the peaches be refrigerated immediately when you get them unless you are planning to can or freeze them within the next day. Then when you want to use them, you can take out however many you think you will use in the next day, let them sit out in a paper sack overnight, and they should be ripe and ready to eat or cook with. Peaches should not be out of the refrigerator for more than 24 hours. If they are left out too long, they are very susceptible to mold.

The price for a 25 lb box is \$43.00 for members and \$40.85 for Plus status members, who always receive a 5% discount. PAYMENT IS DUE WITH ORDER. You can order by filling out the form and sending it in with your check, or call the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 and pay with a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. Pick-up will be Monday, August 16 from 10:00am – 5:30pm at the Farm Bureau office, west side of the building.

Quantity: _____

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Amount Enclosed: _____

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Mail to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174 or call 630-584-8660

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS 4PM Wednesday, August 11

Pick-up is at the Farm Bureau on Monday, August 16 from 10:00a.m. – 5:30p.m.

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By Kelcee Miller, Development & Ag Literacy Program Coordinator



Hello Kane County!

When was the last time you were faced with a really hard decision? Not just a typical what should I have for breakfast or wear to work type of decision. I'm talking about the non-every day decisions. The kind of decision where you have to take time such as days, weeks, or even months to think about. The kind of decision that may weigh heavy on your heart and mind because it's not a quick and easy decision to make. Have you ever been faced with such a chal-

lenge or an opportunity?

As I've gotten older, I've realized decision making doesn't always get easier – in fact, I would say it has gotten harder. And sometimes we can overcomplicate or overthink the decision which can matters even worse. But through trial and error of my own decision-making, I've learned a few helpful tips and have found a new perspective making hard decisions.

How you view the situation may also play a critical role. Are you viewing the tough decision as something really hard and

stressing about it or the consequences of what may or may not happen as a result? Or are you viewing the decision as an opportunity and with an open mind? Sometimes changing your mindset and perspective can be a powerful and useful action.

Make a pros and cons list, however sometimes what's good on paper isn't always good in reality or good for you, so take it with a grain of salt. Use a pro/cons list as a tool to get all the thoughts in your head onto paper so you can see them in an organized fashion. For some people this is all it takes, others may require more work to come to a conclusion. Reach out to your close friends and/or family that you trust to pick their brains or ask their advice on the matter. This may help shed some

light on some new ideas; remember these special people will always be in your corner no matter what but at the end of the day it is your life and you must do what is best for you. You may not know what the best decision for you is until you make it and move forward with it. And what you will find is the decisions you make shape your life and ultimately lead you to new opportunities and you guessed it, more decisions.

I consider myself lucky to have been faced with some hard decisions in my life. "Lucky?" you may be asking yourself. Yes, lucky because I am a stronger and smarter person for them. No matter if it was personal or professional, I come out a better person because I've learned a lot about myself.

There's no such thing as a right or wrong decision because both will teach new lessons that were not there before. If it wasn't for those challenges, I never would have grown or found a new sense of confidence within myself. Life is a journey, full of ups and downs, twists and turns and lessons to be learned every day. When it comes to making tough decisions – remember to be confident, trust your gut, and you will continue to learn, grow and evolve along the way. I encourage you to continue to step outside your comfort zone and put yourself in new situations that will present new opportunities for you – you will thank yourself later for doing so!

Happy August!

Book of the month

Whether it's at the local County or the State, Fairs are pretty great!

The book of the month for August is another awesome and informative book by Gail Gibbons, *Country Fair*. Like many of Gibbons' previous books, she has a special way of taking readers on a journey with each and every page. In this col-

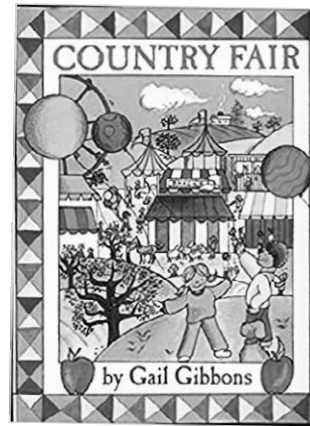
orful and eventful book, readers travel throughout the whole County Fair without ever leaving their homes!

Gibbons covers the whole extravaganza from beginning to end from the workers getting the fairgrounds prepped and ready to final firework performance on

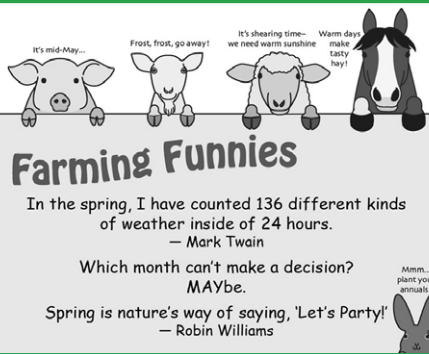
the last evening. Readers are led from the tasty refreshment stands throughout the thrilling carnival rides to inside and out of the exhibit halls where they see all types of arts, crafts, produce, pastries and more! From the livestock shows to the tractor pulls, Gibbons covers it all! The vibrant and detailed artwork paired with Gibbons explanations emphasize all there is to see, hear, and smell!

To see the excitement or relive some of the Fair festivities, come on in to the Kane County Farm Bureau office, visit our FREE KCFB Library and check out *Country Fair*.

The Kane County Farm Bureau Library was made possible by Bob Konen and Dean Dunn, and later supported by the Bob Konen Family.



Country Fair by Gail Gibbons



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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BOUNTY OF KANE Photo Contest



Kane County Farm Bureau is proud of Kane County's agricultural heritage and knows a lot of our members appreciate it too. That's why we're introducing a fun new contest for the summer! We invite you to take photos of summer abundance in Kane County during the months of July, August and September – corn and soybean growth (knee high by the 4th of July or towering over your teenager?); cows and new calves in the field, horses and foals, hens and chicks; farmers planting or tending their crops or livestock; beehives and beekeepers; or locally grown fruits, vegetables or flowers at local farm stands and farmers markets. Send your photos to us.

One winning photo will be chosen for each month of July, August and September 2021 and winning photos will be featured on our Facebook page and printed in the *Kane County Farmer*. The winner for each month will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to our Farm Bureau store chock full of farm toys, local food products and Inboden's meats.

Rules: Photo must be taken in Kane County. Please do not trespass on privately owned farm property to capture your photo.

Any fruits, vegetables or flowers must be locally grown – no bananas, coconuts or palm fronds! Fruits, vegetables or flowers can be from your home garden.

Three photo submission maximum for each entrant each month.

Email your photo entry with "Bounty photo" in the subject line and the following information to: info@kanecfb.com.

- Your name, address
- Age (if under 18) • Phone number • email address
- Location and date photo was taken
- Comments about photo

Excitement grows when you share the Bounty of Kane!

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Farm Facts & Fun

Compiled by Kelcee Miller, Ag Literacy Coordinator



Fair Foods are Full of Flavor and Fun

Courtside Caramel Corn

Ingredients:

- 6 quarts popped popcorn
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 1 cup butter, cubed
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Directions:

Place popcorn in a large bowl and set aside. In a large saucepan, combine the brown sugar, butter, corn syrup and salt; bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove from the heat. Stir in vanilla and baking soda; mix well. Pour over popcorn and stir until well-coated. Pour into two greased 13x9-in. baking pans.

Bake, uncovered, at 250° for 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes. Cool completely. Store in airtight containers.

This recipe found by McKenna Berglind and more ideas may be found here: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/courtside-caramel-corn/>.

Homemade Funnel Cakes

Ingredients:

- 2 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Oil for deep-fat frying
Confectioners' sugar

Directions:

In a large bowl, beat eggs. Add milk, water and vanilla until well blended. In another bowl, whisk flour, sugar, baking powder and salt; beat into egg mixture until smooth. In a deep cast-

iron or electric skillet, heat oil to 375°.

Cover the bottom of a funnel spout with your finger; ladle 1/2 cup batter into the funnel. Holding the funnel several inches above the oil, release your finger and move the funnel in a spiral motion until all the batter is released, scraping with a rubber spatula if needed.

Fry until golden brown, 2 minutes on each side. Drain on paper towels. Dust with confectioners' sugar; serve warm.

This recipe found by McKenna Berglind and more ideas may be found here: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/funnel-cakes/>.



In the early nineteenth century, agricultural reformers in northeastern United States organized exhibits that would promote farming, ultimately leading to what has developed into the modern county fair.

- ★ Regardless of where you're from in Illinois, youth in all 102 counties have the opportunity to participate in local county fairs.
- ★ Since 1853, The Illinois State Fair has been held in 12 cities throughout Illinois, including: Chicago, Alton, Peoria, Freeport, Jacksonville, Decatur, Quincy, Ottawa, Du Quoin, Olney, and Centralia.
- ★ Admission to the State Fair in 1954 was 50 cents for adults, 75 cents for one person on horseback, and \$1.25 for a carriage load of four.
- ★ The annual 11-day Illinois State Fair brings in hundreds of thousands of visitors each year with opportunities to attend livestock shows, enjoy entertainment, eat fair food, ride carnival rides, and explore various booths and attractions.

~~~~ JOKES ~~~~

- Where do cows go on Friday nights? *To the moo-vies!*
- Why couldn't the pony talk? *Because she was a little horse!*
- How do you keep a bull from charging? *Cancel its credit card!*
- Why couldn't the duck pay for dinner? *His bill was too big!*
- What do you call a sleeping bull? *A bull dozer!*

Jokes provided by:

<https://www.countryliving.com/life/entertainment/a30756797/>



Build your own mini animal showing pen

Materials:

- 3 empty gallon milk cartons
- Pink, black, white, & brown paint
- Paintbrushes
- Brown, pink, white, and black paper
- Glue
- Scissors

Directions:

Paint one carton all pink, one all brown, and one white with black spots. Each carton will be a horse, pig, or cow.

While the paint is drying, get your paper and cut ear shapes for each animal, and a face shape for the horse.

Once the paint is dry, use your glue to stick on the ears and the face of each animal.

Wait for the glue to dry, and start showing your mini animals! Have your family judge them just like the judging at the fair!

This craft found by McKenna Berglind more ideas may be found here: <http://thepreschool-experiment.blogspot.com/2011/11/tot-school-farm-frenzy.html>

Fun at the Fair!

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U	N	H	X	D	A	O	I	K	S	P	M	O	A	U	O	L	M	P	A	Carnival Rides
U	D	O	K	H	R	A	E	D	S	Z	H	I	E	R	E	P	V	R	Corndogs	
B	Q	Q	I	N	I	C	A	E	M	T	F	R	R	K	S	I	V	K	N	Contests
Q	K	F	D	T	L	B	I	D	I	U	O	I	G	A	E	F	A	E	I	Competitions
O	B	O	Y	E	I	R	I	C	E	N	I	B	R	H	R	G	G	W	V	Donuts
W	G	Z	N	K	F	T	E	T	R	O	R	B	O	S	A	N	T	B	A	Deep-Fried
S	V	N	W	P	Q	C	E	I	H	D	F	O	U	N	C	I	P	L	L	Entertainment
B	U	W	E	B	R	F	A	P	B	A	C	N	N	O	I	R	P	H	R	Exhibit Halls
F	U	E	O	E	F	F	H	R	M	M	L	S	D	M	N	P	S	V	I	Fairgrounds
H	D	R	A	R	E	A	P	L	E	O	D	L	S	E	G	S	Z	B	D	Farm Machinery
K	J	M	G	T	Y	U	R	W	T	I	C	W	S	L	M	Y	F	E	E	Lemon Shakeup
D	P	D	A	E	Y	R	E	N	I	H	C	A	M	M	R	A	F	D	S	Funnel Cake
O	T	T	L	U	R	S	T	S	E	T	N	O	C	V	W	T	O	R	R	Grandstands
P	S	D	V	G	A	S	E	N	T	E	R	T	A	I	N	M	E	N	T	Horse Racing
K	C	O	T	S	E	V	I	L	V	F	W	D	Y	C	J	R	T	Q	Z	Ice Cream
Z	H	M	A	S	T	E	R	S	H	O	W	M	A	N	S	H	I	P	C	Livestock
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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ Email _____ Age _____

Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 by August 15, 2021 to be entered in our drawing for a fun prize.

Prize must be picked up at the KCFB office within one month of newspaper publication.

August is ...

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|---------------------------|------|
| <i>National</i> | |
| Ice Cream Sandwich Day | 2nd |
| Watermelon Day | 3rd |
| Chocolate Chip Cookie Day | 4th |
| Root Beer Float Day | 6th |
| Mustard Day | 7th |
| International Cat Day | 8th |
| Book Lovers Day | 9th |
| Women's Day | 9th |
| S'mores Day | 10th |
| Creamsicle Day | 14th |
| Relaxation Day | 15th |
| Fajita Day | 18th |
| Potato Day | 19th |
| Chocolate Pecan Pie Day | 20th |
| Lemonade Day | 20th |
| Cuban Sandwich Day | 23rd |
| Waffle Day | 24th |
| Banana Split Day | 25th |
| Dog Day | 26th |
| Beach Day | 30th |
| Trail Mix Day | 31st |

Month-long celebrations...

Back to School Month



Congratulations

to Elaine Taylor of Elgin, this month's word search winner. Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search puzzle. For her participation, she receives an Illinois produce themed prize. Thank you, Elaine, for reading the Kane County Farmer, and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.



Dollars to donuts: The great State Fair returns

We park the van, help the kids set up 4-H exhibits and make a beeline to the donut stand. Through the glass display in the mobile food trailer at the Illinois State Fair, we watch a machine pump out mini rings of donut batter into what resem-

bles a lazy river of hot cooking oil. The donuts sizzle as they move along the channel of oil before a turner flips them to fry the opposite side. A worker coats the donuts in granulated sugar and serves them in quantities as large as commemorative plastic pails.

We own two and bring them to every Illinois State Fair for bargain fill-ups.

The mini donuts, the pork burgers and a towering cup of soft-serve ice cream from the

Dairy Building will feel extra special this August, which marks two years since the fair's return in Springfield. We're ready. We haven't seen enough food on sticks nor a life-sized cow carved from butter in 730 days.

During a typical visit, we entertain ourselves with experiences related to agriculture and natural resources. Our family watches a bit of the hog show and browses displays of fruits and gladioli stems with prize-winning rosettes. We take in a draft horse competition while sipping a lemon shakeup and wishing Illinois were less humid. Despite the August heat,

educational exhibits and political parties set up camp. Landscapes of blooming flowers beautify the 366-acre fairgrounds, ample space that allows residents to break from the norm. Visitors can view the birth of piglets or shoot a bow and arrow under supervision, all at the Illinois State Fair.

Modern farm machinery lines the street leading to the Commodities Pavilion, our family's favorite lunch space for Illinois-raised pork, beef and lamb. At some point, we venture over to Conservation World where the kids view tanks of local fish species and learn about the mussels they find in the river that borders the farm.

A tractor-pulled tram takes us back to where we started, ready to collect the kids' 4-H exhibits and ribbons.

We depart with tired feet, full bellies and family memories without even experiencing the grandstand events, carnival rides nor twilight parade that kicks off the 11-day event. My heart sings a bit of the soundtrack from "State Fair," an old musical with good advice. "Don't miss it; don't even be late," or the donut line will be long.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, wheat and hay and raise beef cattle and backyard chickens.

Simple ways to shop and share with KCFB Foundation

Shop on AmazonSmile and support KCFB Foundation at the same time? It sounds too good to be true! AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the extra bonus that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible

purchases to the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation.



- Step by step instructions:
1. Click the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3691384>
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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."



Our Caps, Your Cause:

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 Farm 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 yourself online follow these steps:

Go to <https://www.prairie-farms.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.

Season's Eatings

July is the month for some delicious fresh produce. Visit your local farm stand or farmer's market and stock up on fresh green beans, zucchini and yellow squash, early tomatoes and sweet corn. Stop by Kane County Farm Bureau and pick up a free 5x7" refrigerator magnet that gives you a handy list of Illinois' specialty crops and their months of availability. Savor the summer flavors of fresh Kane County produce!

These Kane County farm stands and are full of fresh summer flavors.

- Enjoy Pioneer Farm**
17N400 Big Timber Rd, Hampshire; Lane Burnidge; 847-683-2863; enjoypioneerfarm.com
- Goebbert's Pumpkin Patch**
42W813 Reinking Rd., Hampshire; Lloyd; 847-464-5952; emilyz@pumpkinfarms.com
- Heritage Prairie Farm Online Market**
2N308 Brundidge Rd, Elburn; 630-443-5989; Online market only • heritageprairiefarm.com
- Klein's Farm & Garden Market**
Rt 20, Udina/1175 Lillian St., Elgin; Matt Klein; 847-683-9647; kleinsqualityproduce.com
- Kuipers Family Farm**
1N318 Watson Rd., Maple Park; Wade & Kim Kuipers; 815-827-5200; kuipersfamilyfarm.com
- Prairie View Farm Market**
48W130 Rt 72, Hampshire; 847-683-4970; Cheryl; prairieviewfarmmarket.com

- Randy's Vegetables**
I-90 at Randall Rd., Elgin/Sleepy Hollow; 847-428-5244; randysvegetables@aol.com
- Stojan Vegetables**
2N874 Howard Rd., Maple Park; Phil Stojan; 815-827-3265; stojans.vegetables@gmail.com
- Theis Farm Market**
6N953 County Line Rd., Maple Park; 815-757-1090; theisfarmmarket.com
- Tom's Farm Market & Greenhouse**
10214 Algonquin Rd., Huntley; 847-669-3421; tomsfarmmarket.com
- Wiltse Farm Produce**
50W379 Rt. 38, Maple Park; Joe Wiltse; 815-739-2573; wiltsefarm.com

Windy Acres Farm
37W446 Fabyan Parkway, Geneva; Amanda Srail; 630-232-6429; windyacresfarmstand.com

Illinois farmers grow at least 64 types of vegetables and 15 types of fruit and nut crops. This produce can be found anywhere from your local Farmers Market to roadside stands and grocery stores. To help you know what is in season and get the best prices and peak flavor, stop by the KCFB to get your FREE Season's Eatings refrigerator magnet so you will always know when Illinois grown fruits and vegetables are in season.



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– August 12 –

Drive Thru BBQ Fundraiser

Please reserve:

_____ pork chop dinners _____ chicken quarters dinners _____ pork chop/chicken combo dinners

Please enclose payment of \$15 per dinner. Make Checks payable to Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation

Name _____ Visa/MC _____ - _____ - _____

Address _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____ CRV _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Return to: KCFB Foundation, 2N710 Randall Rd, St Charles, IL 60174 or call 630-584-8660

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

- Arthur Richardson** Wayne
- Jack Skirmont** Maple Park
- Stacy Ward** 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.*

Sweet summer peaches – order yours today – see page 3

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Recruiter of the Month

Each month we honor the person who signs the most members into our organization. This month, the honor goes to Felipe Rocha! Felipe has been a COUNTRY Financial Representative since August, 2011. His office



Felipe Rocha

is located at 541 N. Lake Street, Aurora and may be reached at: 630-897-7746.

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

Todd Wilcox has been named the Rep of the Month for June 2021 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. Todd 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 Todd's expertise help you! You may reach Todd at 630-762-1326, todd.wilcox@countryfinancial.com, or <https://representatives.countryfinancial.com/todd.wilcox/>. Congratulations, Todd!

Aurora Agency, Alonzo Nevarez, Agency Manager

Joe McClaire, Insurance Agency with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for June 2021. Joe began his career with COUNTRY Financial in October of 2016 and services clients out of his office located at: 1920 Wilson Street, Batavia, 60510, (630) 423-9886. Joe's professionalism and vast knowledge of auto, home, life and commercial products make him a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Joe!



Savor summer at area farmstands and farmers markets

Vintage truck + fun ride = fun prize

The grand prize winner in the annual raffle will be drawn in September, 2021. The winning ticket will take home a 1972 Chevrolet C-20 camper special pickup truck. 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 at right.

In 2019-20, over \$22,500 in

tuition assistance was provided by the Foundation. For 2021-22, the KCFB Foundation has already approved \$18,000 in Scholarships. Your contributions through the annual raffle play a huge role in helping students attain their degrees, reach their goals, and assist in securing a bright future for farms and food.

For more information and rules on this year's raffle, scholarship programs or other KCFB Foundation programs and services, visit www.kanecfb.com or contact Steve Arnold at 630-584-8660.



Vintage Truck Raffle KCFB Foundation

Please send me _____ tickets (\$15 each, 2 for \$25 or 5 for \$50)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone (_____) _____

Return with check made payable to Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174 or charge my:

Visa MC # _____ Exp ____ / ____

Signature _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

And the winners are...

One of the promotions the Kane County Farm Bureau ran at the Kane County Fair was a FREE Family Fun contest. Each Day of the Fair the Farm Bureau asked members to stop by our building on the fairgrounds and register for FREE Family Fun Drawings. Drawings were conducted on Monday, July 19 for each of the eight prizes offered, and the winners are...

4 tickets to a Friday, 8/20 (1:20 p.m.) Royals vs Cubs game at Wrigley Field – Rob Peterson of Elgin

\$150 Destination dollars for a getaway to Door County, WI – Eldon Gould of Maple Park

\$150 Destination dollars for a getaway to Lake Geneva, WI – Reyn Chramer of St. Charles

\$150 Destination dollars for a getaway to Grand Haven, MI – Joe White of Elburn

\$150 Destination dollars for a getaway to Galena, IL – Matt Lemcke of South Elgin

\$75 value Fall Family Fun package to Kuipers Family Farm – Patrick Brooke, Geneva

\$75 value Family Fun package to Goebbert's Pumpkin Patch – Kari Dunteman, Big Rock

\$75 value Family Fun package to Windy Acres Produce – Erin Landwehr, Elgin

Winners have been notified by phone and prizes mailed to each. Kane County Farm Bureau thanks all those who stopped by for a visit at the fair and congratulates all the winners of the drawing.

Save time and renew online!

It's easy to make sure your Farm Bureau Membership is current. The Illinois Farm Bureau provides many services to all Kane County Farm Bureau members, for example, online membership renewal through their website.

Did you know you can renew your Farm Bureau membership online? You can also view your payment history, print a lost or updated membership card, and update your account information including address,

spouse/dependents, phone and e-mail all through the Member Center of the website.

To do this, simply visit www.ilfb.org. Click on the Get Involved menu, and then Join/Renew your membership. You will be asked to register using your Farm Bureau number and create a username and password.

The ability to check your membership information anytime, anywhere can help prevent unwanted Farm Bureau mem-

bership late fees and keep you eligible for COUNTRY Mutual and COUNTRY Preferred insurance coverages. Don't delay, check to make sure your information is updated today!

REMINDER: Regular (voting) and Professional Members are due for renewal in September. Associate members' renewal dates vary, please sign on to the website or call the Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 to check on the status of your membership.

Take YOU out to the ball game?

With our humble apologies if we missed you by direct mail or email, KCFB extends this last minute invitation to volunteers, donors and supporters who assisted us with programs, activities, donations and funding for our 2021 programs. Please give us a call, 630-584-8660 and ask for Liz if you would like to attend our August 6 volunteer

appreciation at the Kane County Cougars.

A special notice to KCFB and Foundation supporters

We will recognize our 2021-22 class of KCFB Foundation college scholarship winners at 6:00 p.m. before enjoying a

Kane County Cougars baseball game and fireworks. Space is limited for this indoor event at the ballpark and when ticket are gone, they're gone.

If you can't make the ballgame and/or if we missed you in our initial round of invites, again we apologize. Rest assured that your efforts to support our Ag Literacy, Legislative, Community Service and college scholarship programs are sincerely appreciated!

Defensive Driving Class

Kane County Farm Bureau has scheduled a 55 Alive Mature Driving Program for September 20 and 21. The class will run from 9am to 1pm on two consecutive days at Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles. You must attend both sessions to complete the course.

The eight hour course covers driving in various road and weather conditions, passing techniques, the effects of alcohol and drugs on driving and other defensive driving methods. Many insurance companies

may offer a discount on auto insurance to those aged 55 and older who qualify and attend all eight hours of the course. Contact your insurance agent for more details.

Attendees must be licensed drivers. Pre-registration will be required. Cost will be \$20 per person for AARP members and \$25 for non-members (payable the first day) to cover the cost of materials.

Contact Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 for more information.

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CLASSIFIED AD RATES

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.

HELP WANTED

GRAPHIC DESIGN-Minimum 20 hours weekly M-F. Applicant must have good design layout skills. Must be computer literate, self-starter, and team player. Office located East side of St. Charles. Offering vacation pay, self-directed saving plan, and partial tuition reimbursement. Perfect position for college student or person entering the field. Call Bob or Laurie. 630-377-7797

CUSTOMER SERVICE-Minimum 20 hours weekly M-F. Applicant must be a computer literate, self-starter, with pleasant voice and manner. Some travel possible. Office located East side of St. Charles. We offer vacation pay, self-directed savings plan, and partial tuition reimbursement. Perfect position for stay-at-home mom or college student. Call Bob or Laurie at 630-377-7797 to arrange interview

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College Scholarships

Foundation Ag & General Scholarships
Awarded to students of KCFB members pursuing higher education for degrees and careers in agricultural fields of study. Five recipients received scholarship awards of \$1,000 to \$1,250 for college this fall.



Nine scholars gather round the Vintage Truck Raffle prize after 2020's scholarship awards ceremony.

President's Scholarship

Recognizes the most outstanding local high school senior seeking higher education in an agricultural field of study. 2021-22's award of \$1,500 went to **Grant Baldridge** of Elburn.



Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship

Jessica Dunmoulin of Hampshire was named the recipient of this award, established by the family & friends of former Farm Bureau Director and long-time volunteer, Chuck Swanson. It provides a scholarship for a student residing in Kane County pursuing an ag related degree.



AGCO Parts Scholarships

Funded by the employees of AGCO Parts Division in Batavia. Two \$1,000 awards for students from Illinois pursuing a degree in an agricultural related career field of study. This year's recipients were **Jack Yore** of Elburn and **Tyler Ekstrom** of Sycamore.



John Buck Memorial Scholarships

Austin Cook of Malta and **Catherine Austin** of Harvard were chosen to receive these \$1,500 awards offered to students in the 8 county Buck Bros./J.W. Turf service area. It was established in 2001 in memory of John Buck by friends & family of the late John Deere dealer.



AGCO Platinum Scholarship

Funded by the employees of AGCO Parts Division in Batavia, provides one \$2,500 award for a student from Illinois who has completed one full year of college education and is pursuing a degree in an agricultural related career field of study. This year's recipient was **Sophia McComb** of Sycamore.



AGCO Parts - AGCO Global Women's Network Scholarship

Funded by employees of AGCO Parts Division, Batavia, two \$1,000 awards were granted female students pursuing degrees in agricultural related career fields. This year's recipients are **Kyla Baldridge** of Elburn & **Anastasia Kurth** of Geneva.



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Community Needs

AGCO Parts Division, Batavia and the KCFB Foundation raised over \$9,000 for farm-accident victims in 2018. AGCO sold tractor Pillow Pets at the 13th annual Touch-A-Tractor event to raise money for families who suffered from farm accidents. The KCFB Foundation is always ready to support needs in the farm community and welcomes the partnership from like minded groups and businesses.

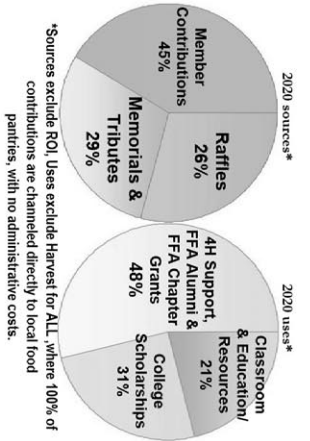


Internship Programs

Typically offered during summer, winter or mid-term breaks, to students who have completed 30 undergraduate hours, for 2020-21 **McKenna Berglund**, a Burlington High School student served as KCFB intern, as part of her Supervised Agricultural Experience, to develop professional skills & build on her knowledge about agriculture and AITC programs.

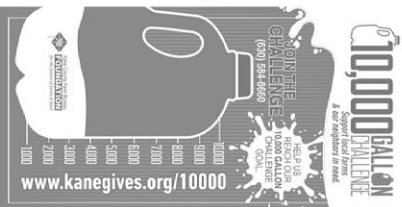


FOUNDATION Funding



Hunger Relief

KCFB Foundation's unique 2018-19 initiative to build demand for milk and benefit local food pantries. Nearly \$25,000 was raised in 8 months for local food pantries! The Challenge was completed at Lenkatis' Holsteins Dairy Open House on June 29th, 2019, with the support of sponsors and an Ice Cream Social for attendees.



Ag Literacy Library

The Foundation helps fund many Ag Literacy Programs. The Ag Literacy Library at the Farm Bureau has hundreds of books with agricultural themes. Farm Bureau members can check out books on topics ranging from gardening to children's stories about life on the farm. Thanks to donations and memorial contributions, the collection continues to grow.

Raffle Fundraisers

The **Vintage Truck Raffle** is the Foundation's biggest fundraiser. For 2021 the Foundation raffle gives supporters a chance at winning one of three prizes. The grand prize winner could take home a 1972 Chevy Cheyenne C20 OR \$3,500 cash. Second prize is \$500 in groceries and third prize is \$500 in fuel. The raffle gives truck enthusiasts something to look forward to as they help provide funds for the Foundation. 2021 drawing is September 9.



SPROUTS

During SPROUTS (Spring Program of Reading Outreach to Urban Teachers & Students), volunteers are asked to visit classrooms to read an agriculture themed book to third graders and explain how farmers grow the world's food, fuel & fiber. A copy of the book is donated to each classroom. Slowed by the pandemic, KCFB hopes to revive the program in 2022.



Summer Ag Institutes

The Foundation provides support for KCFB Summer Ag Institutes for teachers. Institutes are graduate credit courses on ag research, inputs, production, and marketing. It provides a broad overview of Kane County farms and agribusiness.



Food for Tomorrow

KCFB Foundation raises funds for classroom education about food and farming and provides college scholarships for local students studying for careers in agriculture. There will be 2 billion more people to feed globally by 2050. Between 2015 and 2020, there were 57,900 annual openings for careers within agriculture. But statistics show a gap of 22,500 college grads annually for jobs in agriculture related fields.

To meet the global food challenges, farming, ag & food policy must attract and retain the best minds. Support of the Foundation funds classroom outreach, getting kids excited about the industry and teaching them how their food is raised. It also provides annual college scholarships for students in ag majors to help fill that gap and provide Food for Tomorrow.

FFA Chapter Grants

FFA Chapter Grants recognize contributions of Kane County FFA Chapters in the success of Foundation programs. In 2020, three Kane County Chapters capitalized on the grant, receiving a total of over \$1,500 for participation in KCFB activities.



Touch-A-Tractor

Our annual farm-city community service event offers the public a unique look at the machines that farmers use to grow the world's food. Our 15th Annual Touch-A-Tractor at the Farm Bureau included antique and modern tractors, family fun, interactive activities for the kids and lots of support from area FFA Chapters!



Ag Days

For 35 years, AgDays has provided fourth graders and teachers from urban and suburban schools the opportunity to learn about farming through a series of 5-minute presentations from farmers, local businesses and agricultural groups. Longevity and volunteer support show its importance & explain why the Foundation provides financial support to this Ag-in-the-Classroom program.



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John Buck Memorial Golf Outing
Established in 2001 by an endowment in memory of the late John Deere dealer, the proceeds raised from this annual benefit fund John Buck Memorial Scholarships, administered by the Foundation.



Bucket Raffles & Silent Auctions

The Foundation hosts annual Bucket Raffles at the County Fair. Local businesses donate items and gift certificates. Fairgoers buy raffle tickets (\$1) to place in the bucket of the prize(s) they hope to win.



FFA Alumni Support

In 2020 the KCFB Foundation granted \$20,000 to Hinckley-Big Rock FFA Alumni towards completion of an Ag Education Center on the school campus!



For the Future of Farms & Food

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