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## Educating teachers at Summer Ag Institute I

By: Trent Cooper

On Monday June 12th at 8 am, when most teachers are enjoying their first week of summer break, a group of 12 teachers in the Kane County area attended their first day of the Kane County Farm Bureau 2017 Summer Ag Institute.

These teachers had a wide range of experience, some young teachers reaching out to get credits to begin their master's program, some looking for continuing education hours on top of their masters, and others just for the opportunity to learn more about agriculture. Regardless of their reasons to be there they were all eager to learn and ready for a long week ahead of them.

We spent the day Monday inside the "classroom" (at the Farm Bureau) and went over what to expect for the week, a few ice breaker activities, and learned about how teachers can utilize the Farm Bureau to get supplies for their classrooms. Commodity group presentations and a presentation from the Kane DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District rounded out the first day of the week-long class.

On Tuesday we began our first day of tours. Our first destination was Otto and Sons

(OSI) of West Chicago, a meat packing plant that supplies McDonald's. At OSI we got to see the meat processing and packing side of agriculture. From there we went to Gehrke family farm in Elgin to learn more about hay production and then to Luck-E Holsteins near Hampshire, a dairy farm owned by the Engel family. At the dairy farm, we went on a farm tour to see first-hand how milk travels from a cow to your fridge. We ended the day at Esther's Place in Big Rock, where we learned more about making fiber. We even got to make our own felt watermelon.

Wednesday we made our way to the Klein's vegetable farm near Burlington, and got a chance to tour their fields of fresh produce. Buck Brothers in Hampshire was our next stop, where we had the opportunity to learn more about modern farm implements and teachers drove a John Deere combine, a Four-Trac, or both! A grain operation was the next stop on our tour, which included an inside look at what the year is like at the Nesler Grain Farm. We even got the chance to see a working grain elevator. Finally, we headed back to the office for a presentation from Harry Patterson. Harry is a retired teacher who

has become very busy being a bee keeper. He spoke to us about how honey is collected and all the uses for honey.

Thursday was the final day of tours, starting with Dunteman Turf Farm in Kaneville. Here we got to see how sod, often used on golf courses or in neighborhoods, is harvested. We then headed to Midwest Groundcovers in Virgil to tour all their greenhouses and learn about plant production. After the nursery, we headed over to Gould's farm, west of Kaneville, where we were welcomed with lunch provided by the Kane County Corn Growers. After lunch, we toured the 750 sow farrowing operation and even saw some baby piglets. We ended the day at Mighty Vine in Rochelle, a large-scale hydroponic tomato greenhouse. We got to eat some delicious MightyVine tomatoes and tour their 15 acre glass greenhouse.

We finished up the class on Friday, June 16. The teachers all came prepared with a poster board of an ag-related learning activity they can share to their students. It was very inspiring seeing how much they learned in a weeks' time and how they can bring this information into their classrooms and teach students what agriculture is.



One of the highlights of any KCFB Summer Ag Institute for teachers, in an urban area like Kane County, is the opportunity to climb into the cab – and drive – modern farm equipment like this John Deere 9620RX 4-Trac tractor. One dozen Kane County teachers got that chance, and got to drive a combine as well, at Buck Bros. Inc in Hampshire as part of the 2017 graduate credit institute held June 12-16.



Bill Dunteman (far left) led teachers on a tour of the family's turf farm in Kaneville and discussed the differences in the production methods and inputs of organic and conventionally produced corn and soybeans raised on the farm. Teachers had to rise and get on the road early in order to watch a demonstration of the cutting, rolling, stacking and shipping of sod to area homebuilders and home improvement stores.

See more SAI photos on pages 2 and 6.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

July

**July 3-4**  
Office Closed/Independence Day

**July 6**  
Board of Directors, 7:30pm

**July 9-14**  
Young Leaders Industry Tour, Canada

**July 17**  
Fair Set-up, Young Farmers, 6:00pm

**July 19**  
Stormwater Management Meeting, 5:30pm

**July 20-23**  
Kane County Fair

**July 25**  
IFB President's Conference, Normal

John Buck Memorial Golf Outing, Bartlett

**July 25-26**  
IFB Farm Incomes and Innovations Conference, Normal

**July 31**  
IFB District 1&2 Young Farmer Discussion meet, DeKalb CFB



## Trent Cooper of Yorkville is KCFB's summer intern

The Kane County Farm Bureau is pleased to welcome Trent Cooper as the 2017 Summer Intern. Trent grew up in Yorkville and went to Yorkville High School before graduating in May of 2014.

Following graduation of Yorkville High School, Trent began college at Joliet Junior College. After two successful years at JJC and completion of the Agriculture Production program, he transferred to Illinois State University where he is currently going into his senior year.

At Illinois State University, Trent is a double major in

Agriculture Communications and Animal Industry Management.

Outside of the Kane County Farm Bureau he is an active member of the Kendall County Young Leaders, Vice President of the Collegiate Farm Bureau at Illinois State University and is also very active at his family farm.

Following the completion of his internship with KCFB and graduating from Illinois State University, Trent plans to continue to advocate for agriculture and educate consumers on what farmers do while still remaining



Trent Cooper

### July Featured Product

## Bratwurst & Hot Dog Combo

Back by popular demand – the special for July is a Brat & Hot Dog combo. This box contains 10 award winning bratwurst and 10 quarter-pound all beef hot dogs. We are selling each delicious combo box for \$23 for PLUS members, \$24 for KCFB members and \$26 for non-members This combo is sure to be a crowd pleaser at any cookout! Available during the month of July or while supply lasts.

active in the family farm.

Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION offers internships to qualifying college applicants during winter, spring, and summer breaks. Over the past 25 years, the Foundation

has provided more than \$700,000 in scholarships and internships to area students studying for a career in agriculture. For more information, visit the scholarship and internship page at [www.kanecfb.com](http://www.kanecfb.com).

## Learn about the Next Evolution of Ag, July 26-26

It is no surprise that things have changed over the years. Horses are no longer the only available mode of transportation and candlelight isn't the only source of non-natural light around. Since the dawn of time, humans have been evolving and inventing new efficient ways to do something ... and farming is no different. From plows pulled by oxen to \$100,000 tractors, agriculture and farming has had its fair share of evolution.

This year, Illinois Farm Bureau's IFB Farm Income and Innovations Conference theme is SMART FARMING: The

Next Evolution in Agriculture. Illinois Farm Bureau members, staff, farmers, and agribusiness professionals are invited to attend the this conference, held July 26, 2016 at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. This event will delve into how changing consumer desires, supply chain management, and public policies are impacting today's ever-changing agriculture.

This year's conference will consist of 2 general sessions and 3 breakout sessions. General session 1 will feature a Keynote (continued on page 3)

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Visit the Farm Bureau

at the

July 20-23

# KANE COUNTY FAIR



## Farm Zoo

Thurs. 3pm – 8pm  
 Fri – Sat. 12pm – 8 pm  
 Sunday 12pm – 4pm

Kids can see and learn about farm animals.

## Farm Facts & Fun Scavenger Hunt

Thurs.–Sun. 12-3 pm & 5-7 pm

Search the fairgrounds for farm animal stamp locations & answer farm-related questions to complete the "Farm Facts & Fun Scavenger Hunt"! Brave adventurers 10 & under who complete the challenge can return to the Farm Bureau booth for a FREE ice cream cone! Pick up an entry form at the Farm Bureau display at the fair (Age categories: 5 and under, 6-8 and 9-10).



## Commodity Carnival

(Sponsored by National 4H Council and CME)

Thursday, July 20st, from 4-7pm and Friday, July 21nd from 12-1pm and 3-6pm. Kids fill a plastic egg with marbles representing the inputs needed to raise their own pig. Drop the egg into a giant "plinko board" to see how market forces affect your investment and see what your profit will be. Prizes include stress ball pigs. An interactive game brought to you by the 4-H Council and CME Group.

## Ag in the Classroom activities

Thursday, July 20 from 2-4 p.m. Kids enjoy a FREE, hands-on agri-learning experience brought to you by the KCFB Women's Committee and KCFB Ag in the Classroom.

## Raffles & Silent Auction

The KCFB Foundation will be conducting our annual Bucket Raffle & Silent Auction featuring a variety of prizes for a price of only \$1 per ticket – and great odds of winning! All proceeds help advance agricultural education for students of all ages in Kane County.

Proceeds from all Raffles benefit Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation's agricultural scholarships and Ag-in-the-Classroom programs.

# Have more fun at the Kane Co. Fair

## Download our APP

One thing is for sure ... the Kane County Farm Bureau would be nothing without its members ... and now more than ever, it pays to be a Farm Bureau member! A new member benefits app was launched in June, which offered over 300,000 local and nation discounts to places members go every day.

As an extra incentive for members to download the app, the Kane County Farm Bureau is offering free ice cream or ice cold water to all members who download the new app at the Kane County Fair.

## KCFB Membership Drive

The Fair is a great place to sign up for a Farm Bureau membership! If you sign up to for a new membership while at the Fair, you will receive a complimentary ticket for the "31 days of Christmas" raffle. There are 3 membership classifications: voting members (people who own/operate farmland in Kane

County and make over \$2,500 annually); professional members (people who don't own/operate farmland, in a profession related to agriculture in some way); and associate members (people who are not involved in agriculture, but still support Farm Bureau).

## Christmas shopping in July!

The Kane County Farm Bureau does an Outdoors themed scholarship fundraising raffle where ticket holders can win prizes from Cabela's valued from \$200-\$499 each day in December. This year, we're getting ahead of the game by starting this "31 Days of Christmas" raffle in July!

Winning is both fun and easy! Each ticket has a 3 digit number on it, from 000 to 999. You win by exactly matching the evening Pick 3 Illinois Lottery number for that day with the number on your ticket. Prizes include a wide variety of outdoor favorites including a kayak, canoe, golf clubs, hunting and camping gear,

and much more! Winners receive a Cabela's gift card in the exact value of the prize. So, if the prize you win isn't just right for you, choose something more appropriate (up to the value of your prize) from Cabela's wide selection of merchandise.

Each ticket costs \$20, and will be available starting the first day of the fair (July 20). Proceeds benefit KCFB Foundation, which provides college scholarships and Agriculture in the Classroom programs for local schools. Visit [www.kanecfb.com](http://www.kanecfb.com) for more details.

## Paint & Sip, part deux – Paint & ... Ice Cream?

Come out and show off your artistic skills (or lack thereof) at our one night only painting extravaganza. Join us Friday, July 21 from 5-7 at the Farm Bureau building on the Kane County Fairgrounds as we paint scenes on another BIG canvas to use as a "peek board" for events. See page 8 for more details

# Young Farmers meet for summer BBQ

The Young Farmers Annual BBQ took place on June 14th at the home of John and Lauren Biddle in Elburn. There the Young Farmers enjoyed a potluck style dinner with pork chops as the main dish. Chairman Wayne Gehrke called the meeting to order around 6:30pm. Kristi Van Oost gave a Farm Bureau update, informing the Young Farmers about the upcoming county fair. 31 Days raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the fair and a Farm Bureau membership drive will allow NEW members to get a free 31 days raffle ticket.

Andy Lenkaitis provided updates from the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders for District 1, starting with details about the upcoming Young Leader Industry Tour to Canada. Four Kane County committee members, Wayne Gehrke, David Marshall, Sarah Lenkaitis, and

Andy Lenkaitis are attending this year's tour. He provided information on the District 1&2 Discussion Meet and Agri-quiz Bowl. This year's discussion meet will be held on July 31st at DeKalb Farm Bureau. The discussion meet is a chance for young farmers to partake in an active discussion with other competitors on pre-decided topics which are related to the agriculture industry. The Agri-Quiz Bowl is being held on August 15th at the Illinois State Fair. The Agri-quiz Bowl is a team event where the Young Farmers from across the state can test their knowledge on various facets of the agricultural industry.

The last few things on the agenda were the Young Farmers' participation in the Kane County Farm Bureau display at the Kane County Fair. The Young Farmers will set up the display on Monday, July 17th. Up to 10 Young

Farmers will join First Farm Credit at a Cubs vs Brewers game in Milwaukee on July 28. Starting in August the Young Farmers Committee will meet on the second Wednesday of every month.

Interested in any of these events? The Young Farmers Committee is currently seeking additional participants for both the discussion meet and the Agri-Quiz Bowl. The Kane County Young Farmers Committee is a group of young (18-35 years), local agriculture enthusiasts from around Kane County that promote agriculture, farming, and leadership through activities and programs, both locally and around the state. To learn how to get more involved in the Young Farmers committee, contact Kristi Van Oost at (630) 584-8660 or [info@kanecfb.com](mailto:info@kanecfb.com). New faces are always welcome.

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Top: Prior to the start of their meeting on June 14th, the Kane County Young Farmers Committee went to work fixing up the red and white gates, used for the farm zoo at Touch-A-Tractor, Ag Days, and the Kane County Fair. They replaced the loose screws on the middle boards with new carriage bolts, making the gates sturdier. Dale Pitstick (inset) is tightening up the new carriage bolts with a drill.

Bottom: John Biddle was deemed the "Grillmaster" for the Young Farmers BBQ. He grilled up the porkchops, which were enjoyed by the committee members while they conducted their meeting. Topics discussed included the Kane County Fair, the Young Leader Industry Tour, the District 1&2 Discussion Meet on July 31, and the Agri-Quizbowl on August 15th.

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## Ag evolution

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Address on "Building and Maintaining Trust with Influencers Driving Food Trends" presented by Charlie Arnot, CEO of the Center for Food Integrity. He will share results from CFI's latest research and provide his expert advice on how farmers may take advantage of the opportunities.

General session 2 will consist of a Young Leader Panel Discussion on "Maximizing

Profitability through Management and Diversification". This panel consists of 4 Illinois Young Leaders, including Kane County's very own Andy Lenkaitis.

Breakout session topics include "Bridging the Gap Between Farmers and Consumers" presented by "Farm Babe" Michelle Miller (session 1), "How to succeed at Farming for the Future" presented by Dr. Chris Harbort, Co-Founder & CEO of Agrible (session 2), and "Tools for Increased Yields and

Profitability: Showcasing Ag-Tech Solutions to Help You Grow your Farming Business" presented by Bio STL; Guy Sela, CEO for SMART! Fertilizer Management; Ofir Schlam, Co-Founder & CEO for Taranis; Ori Ben-Herzel, Commercial Breeding Lead for Kaimma Bio Agritech (session 3).

Register by July 19. The conference is open to all Farm Bureau members, staff, and other agricultural professionals. Call Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 to register.

## AG LITERACY CORNER

By Suzi Myers



*"Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit, and as vital to our lives as water and good bread."*

— Edward Abbey

Funny how when I'm driving to work I plan out my day and by the time I get to the office, things completely change. Today was no exception. While working on my first project, I ran across the above quote, which struck a chord with me. So now I sit at the computer writing my Farmer article, putting a wrench in my planned day. But, as the farmers say, "Make hay when the sun shines."

Yesterday, I got a call to join a friend kayaking down the Fox River. This lovely river flows right down the middle of St. Charles, letting you be a part of nature within the confines of a city. It doesn't surprise me how many folks are utilizing the river these days to just float upon, fish, throw stones from the shoreline, or to simply sit on the banks and enjoy watching the birds swim or fly by. This is why the quote hit me with such

force ... we NEED to have time alone with nature. My time paddling along the river was the best part of my day yesterday, complete with a Bald Eagle sighting.

When my grandkids visit, the first thing they ask is, "Where are we walking?" Their favorite is Tekakwitha Forest Preserve, I think because they can be by the river and in the woods, but we've discovered many areas of adventure within the confines of the Fox River Valley. They marvel at the ice on the river in the winter. In the warmer weather they enjoy the frogs alongside the river or hopping from one lily pad to another; the turtles either swimming or sunning on a log; the evidence that a beaver has been in the area, and of course, the shore birds. When they see a bald eagle soar by or perched in a tree, the wonderment spreads across their faces. We might walk many blocks to reach our "wilderness" location, but once inside the boundaries of the park, the city disappears for awhile and the simple enjoyment of nature takes over.

Yes, the joys of nature can

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also be found within the framework of your own back yard. The garden growing; the worms nurturing the soil; the puddles left after a rain; the birds, caterpillars, wildflowers, trees, even the glorious dandelions can take you away from the stresses of our everyday lives. Observing the clouds (remember trying to find different animals in the cloud shapes?), the moon and stars, looking up through the trees to see the sky, all this can also be done in the comfort of your own back yard.

Richard Louv, author of many books on nature and the

necessity of it for the physical and mental health of a child says that nature is actually our "Vitamin N", which should be prescribed for each child.

The Japanese practice of forest bathing is proven to lower heart rate and blood pressure, reduce stress hormone production, boost the immune system, and improve overall feelings of wellbeing. Forest bathing – basically just being in the presence of trees – became part of their national public health program in 1982 when the forest ministry coined the phrase "shinin-yoku." You can sit or

meander, but the point is to relax rather than accomplish anything.

Take time to notice. I remember being enthralled by the clouds in Iceland. One day, a fellow traveler asked, "Don't you have clouds at home?" Wow, talk about an ah-ha moment ... I need to keep my eyes open anywhere I am, not just in a foreign country.

We are so lucky to have open space around us, our parks, Forest Preserves, and just our back yards need to be used, cherished, and preserved. Enjoy all that these natural areas have to offer.

## Book of the month

While researching my article this month, I found that Richard Louv has written another book concerning nature and the child adult. Having read his other books, I ordered *Vitamin N*, finding it a natural follow up to his others. Below are reviews that you might find interesting. The book is available in our KCFB library, thanks to Bob Konen & Dean Dunn.

*"Richard Louv's Vitamin N should find its place in the list of essential vitamins! If we stress a connection to the natural environment ... we can lessen the lifelong effects of a stressful childhood, including depression, obe-*

*sity, behavior problems, drug use, and risk-taking behavior."*

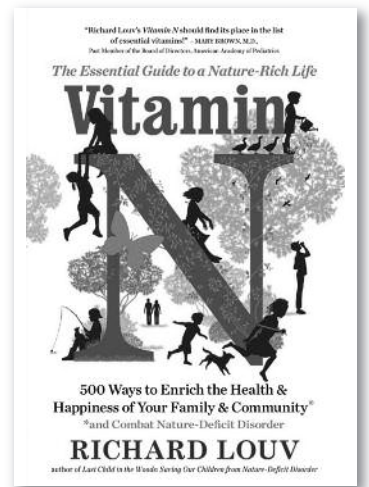
Mary Brown, MD, past board member of the American Academy of Pediatrics

*"Both parents and teachers will find this book invaluable. Louv has provided a thoughtful and practical guide to establishing and ensuring a successful relationship between children and the outdoors."*

National Science Teachers Association

*"A truly engaging book, this resource is an excellent how to guide for getting students and families out in nature."*

Green Teacher Magazine



*Vitamin N*  
by Richard Louv



We sure do! The Kane County Farm Bureau Country Store is your one-stop shop for local honey. Choose from 4 different sizes of honey from White Farms Apiary, made locally in Batavia. Local honey has many different benefits, including helping to build immunity to some seasonal allergies. We also have a supply of Happy Bee soaps, handmade by local beekeeper Harry Patterson. Stop in and check out these products and more at the new KCFB store, open Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30.

## Thanks to our donors...

Our FOUNDATION is dedicated to providing agriculture based education for the next generation, and to meeting the challenge of providing food for a hungry planet. We look forward to continuing support for scholarships, along with local classrooms and teachers, leadership training, and community youth education through grants to local FFA Chapters and 4-H.



The KCFB FOUNDATION offers its sincere appreciation to the following for their contributions.

Names shown are pledges received from May 20 through June 20.

Through Harvest for ALL, KCFB members have contributed the equivalent of nearly 1.75 million meals to local food pantries.



**Donor** Mike Kenyon  
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SPROUTS is an in-classroom reading program with agriculture themed book donations to public and school libraries, established in memory of long-time member and volunteer Bob Konen.

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# Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Suzi Myers



## Fair foods

Fun!

Flavorful!

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Nutritious?

Eh, not so much!

## New product debuts at the Chicago World's Fair 1893

To commemorate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' first voyage to the New World, the United States held the World's Columbian Exposition, also known as The Chicago World's Fair, between May 1, to October 30, 1893. Many innovations were introduced to the public at the Fair and though these 10 items were welcomed with awe and intrigue, they are now a common staple in our culture.

10. **Wrigley's Gum:** William Wrigley, Jr. sold soap and baking powder and handed out gum to entice customers. Later realizing that the gum was more popular than his other products, he was

the first to mass-produce gum in 1892 and introduced it at the Fair. The first flavor was Juicy Fruit, followed by spearmint.

9. **Cracker Jack:** Supposedly, creators Lewis and Frederick William, aka F.W. Rueckheim, saw potential for their snack comprised of popcorn, peanuts and molasses and marketed it at the Fair. The brand name was later given by a Frito-Lay representative and today, Cracker Jack is a baseball game staple.

8. **Zipper:** Whitcomb Judson and Colonel Lewis Walker took Howe's concept and invented the "clasp locker," which they debut at the Fair. Although their design wasn't successful, it paved the way for further designs until it became the zipper we all know today.

7. **Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer:** The beer won several ribbons at local and state fairs, but when it won the blue ribbon at the Chicago Fair, the name was changed to Pabst Blue Ribbon.

6. **Commemorative Stamps:** When the U.S. Post Office heard of all the excitement surrounding the Fair, they jumped on the opportunity to come out with the very first set of commemorative stamps. These unusable stamps were souvenirs and were called the "Columbians." The U.S. Mint also capitalized on this frenzy and came out with a half-dollar with Columbus' profile on it.

5. **Pressed Pennies:** At the Fair, the design was simple with raised letters saying "Columbian Exposition 1893".

4. **Spray Paint:** The aerosol spray

paint cans we know today weren't invented at the time of the Fair (they were invented in 1949), but the idea certainly sprang from it. Several of the buildings for the Fair needed a little sprucing and to speed up the process, artist Francis Davis Millet developed a way to spray the paint on the exterior of the buildings.

3. **Dishwasher:** Inventor Josephine Cochrane patented the dishwasher in 1885. She developed the concept for the next 4 years and demonstrated it at the Fair. Her company took off and is what we now know as KitchenAid.

2. **Aunt Jemima Pancake Mix:** To market the product, the new company hired Nancy Green, who was born into slavery in 1834, to play Aunt Jemima. Green made her debut at the Fair where she made instant pancakes for the public. The Quaker Oats Company bought the brand in 1926 and updated Aunt Jemima's image in 1989 to resemble a modern homemaker as opposed to a stereotypical African-American housekeeper.

1. **Ferris Wheel:** Construction on the wheel began in 1892 and was completed in time for the Fair. Bystanders watched in excitement and fear as Daniel Burham, Margaret Ferris and investors rode the wheel. Each car was 24 feet long and 13 feet wide and could hold 60 passengers. The Ferris Wheel ran without any problems at the Fair and made \$395,000, which helped keep the Fair from going in financial ruin.

### List of popular fair foods

1. Corn dog
2. Deep fried Oreos
3. Funnel cake
4. Pork chop on a stick
5. Deep fried Snickers
6. Corn on the cob
7. Cotton candy
8. Pizza
9. Cheeseburger
10. Caramel apples
11. Elephant ear
12. Hot dog
13. Lemonade
14. Lemon shakeup
15. Ice cream cone
16. Italian ice
17. Kettle corn
18. Pickle on a stick

### Trivia

- The first state fair was held in Springfield IL in 1853 and the admission fee was 25 cents
- In 2016 350,000 visitors came to the Illinois State Fair
- The first auto races were held at the Illinois State Fairgrounds racetrack in 1910
- The Dome Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds was purchased at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair for \$69,000 and taken down and rebuilt in Springfield in 1895
- The Illinois State Fairgrounds now has over 100 permanent building structures
- The oldest county fair in Illinois is the Macoupin County Fair (1852)
- County Fairs are happening all summer long throughout Illinois starting June 6th 2017 in Macon County and ending the year September 10th in

- Calhoun County
- The Kane County Fair opened in 1948
- While the 1904 World's Fair was in its closing weeks, a young writer named Upton Sinclair headed to Chicago to visit the Packingtown slaughterhouses, and his investigations would be published as *The Jungle* in 1906. His efforts and those of other reformers culminated in the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906, the first major piece of legislation to outlaw adulterated or mislabeled food products, and the beginning of federal oversight of the nation's food supply.
- \* The first Major League Baseball All-Star Game was held at Comiskey Park (home of the Chicago White Sox) in conjunction with the 1933 Chicago World's Fair.

### Fair foods

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| COOKIE     | FRIED | OREO     | PORK     | ZIPPER |
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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St Charles, IL 60174 by July 15, 2017 to be entered in our drawing for a fair-themed prize.

### Deep fried oreos

Yield 52 cookies (156 calories per cookie)

- 1 (20 ounce) package Oreo cookies
- 2 cups Bisquick
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3 teaspoons oil
- vegetable oil (enough for deep frying)

1. Blend Bisquick, eggs, milk, and 3 tsp oil until smooth.
2. Preheat your deep fryer to about 375°F (use a thermometer if you wish to deep fry in a pan).
3. Dip the cookies in the batter mixture until totally covered and then place in the hot oil (cookies will float).
4. Keep checking and turn over the cookie when bottom side of Oreo is brown.
5. Keep a close watch because it only takes a short time to brown.
6. Remove cookies and eat warm.



👁️: What do you call a cow with no legs? *Ground beef* 👁️: What do you call a cow with two legs? *Lean meat* 👁️: What do you call a pig that knows karate? *A pork chop* 👁️: Knock, knock. *Who's there?* Cows go. *Cows go who?* No, cows go MOO! 👁️: Why couldn't the teddy bear finish dinner? *He was stuffed*

### Congratulations

**Carol Kujak** of Elgin! Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search Puzzle. For her participation, she receives a fun pollinator-themed prize! Thank you, Carol, for reading the *Kane County Farmer* and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.

### July is...

- 4th Independence Day
  - 6th National Fried Chicken Day
  - 9th National Sugar Cookie Day
  - 15th Cow Appreciation Day
  - 20-23rd Kane County Fair
  - 20th National Lollipop Day
  - 21st National Junk Food Day
- National*  
 Hot Dog Month  
 National Picnic Month  
 National Blueberry Month

# Recruiter of the Month

Each month we honor the person who signs the most members into our organization.



Todd Wilcox

This month, the honor goes to Todd Wilcox! Todd has been a COUNTRY Financial Representative since

August of 1995. His office is located at 2N710 Randall Rd, St. Charles

As a token of our appreciation, Todd receives two tickets to Charlestowne Movie Theater. Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations on your success!

# Summer fun with FB member discounts!

## RAGING WAVES

Have some fun in the sun (and water) this summer. KCFB members receive a discount at Raging Waves water park in Yorkville. Purchase tickets directly at the Kane County Farm Bureau for \$18 each and spend a day with your family. Tickets are for a full-day adult admission to the park.



day out a bit closer to home should consider heading over to Santa's Village Azoosment Park in East Dundee. Members save \$8 on admission when they come to the KCFB Office to purchase tickets. Enjoy 20 rides and 100's of animals. Target audience is 12 and under.

Open daily June 12-August 18. The KCFB member price is \$16.25 (no tax or service fees) with no blackout dates.

## Santa's Village Azoosment Park

Members looking for a fun



Stan Schumacher (standing) of Midwest Groundcovers in Virgil gave a tour of one of the Midwest's largest commercial nursery and greenhouse operations as part of the Summer Ag Institute. The tour also included an up close look at the mix-plant, where Midwest Trading custom mixes growing mediums for nurseries, greenhouses, landscapers and garden suppliers across the Midwest. See story on page 1.

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# Raise scholarship funds at the John Buck Memorial Golf Outing

The 17th Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Tuesday, July 25th at Bartlett Hills Golf Course, located at 800 W Oneida Ave. in Bartlett. For details and to register, contact Sandy at info@buckbrosinc.com or 847-683-4440. Space is limited, so call early for your reservation.

All proceeds go to benefit the John Buck Scholarship fund; which is distributed to the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents and Northwestern Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Assoc.

The KCFB FOUNDATION John Buck Memorial

Scholarship, funded through the golf outing, is awarded annually to student(s) seeking higher education in agriculture related fields. For 2017, Allison Steinger of Elburn was awarded the \$1000 John Buck Memorial Scholarship administered by the KCFB Foundation.

# What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

## St. Charles Agency, Bob Effner, Agency Manager

BOB KEARNS has been named the Financial Representative of the Month for May 2017 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. Bob has provided plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of his clients through

COUNTRY Financial's diverse products and services. Let Bob's expertise help you! You may reach Bob at 847-888-3200, robert.kearns@countryfinancial.com. Congratulations, Bob!

## Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager

Zach Fox, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for

May, 2017. Zach began his career with COUNTRY Financial in May of 2007 and services clients out of his office located at: 1920 Wilson Street Batavia, 60510 (630) 406-6981

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

# Women's Corner

By Louise Johnson  
Women's Committee Chair



Bye-bye! Cheerio! "Parting is such sweet sorrow"! So long! Ta-ta! Addio! Adieu! Adios! Adeus! Au revoir! Auf wiedersehen! Ciao! Hasta la vista!

It is farewell to the Kane County Women's Committee. All Women's Committee members (both current and former) and a companion, will be hosted at a luncheon on Wednesday, August 2, celebrating WC activities through the years. Please call the Farm Bureau to participate.

As you enjoy the "great outdoors" this summer, please note the following: Bread is BAD for waterfowl. It does not contain the correct nutrients or calories for birds to thrive, or even to help keep them warm in winter. Rotting bread pollutes the water, causes surface algae, kills

fish, and causes the water to smell. As you enjoy the summer, remember:

YES to feeding birdseed (any type), cooked rice, peas, corn, oats, chopped lettuce;

NO to feeding bread.

Imagine how hard just one bee works in a single day. Each bee visits at least 2,000 flowers daily! They make many of our flowers bloom and they dramatically assist our food supply. Bees get thirsty and need safe water sources. They need very shallow water to drink so they do not drown, so birdbaths are not optimal. Streams, rivers, and lakes have fish, frogs, and other wildlife that like to eat bees. An easy water feeder for your yard is to fill a pie pan with marbles and then with water. The marbles slow the evaporation and give the

bees a place to land. This information is from the California State Parks Association. Be sure to splash the water re-fills into the pan to wash out debris and mosquito larvae.

Here is a replacement for ordinary baked beans for your summer picnics. I like to make it in my crockpot. Then I can lock on the lid and take it right to the gathering, where I can plug it in.

## Three Bean Hot Dish

- 1 16 oz. can butter beans, drained
- 1 16 oz. can red kidney beans, drained
- 1 20 oz. can pork and beans
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 6 slices cooked bacon (so you have crisp pieces in the dish)
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- Dash garlic salt
- Dash dry mustard
- 1/2 cup BBQ sauce
- 1/2 cup pineapple juice

Mix together and bake covered at 325° for 90 minutes. Or cook in a crockpot for 2 1/2-3 hours on medium. (Double to fill crockpot. Cook longer if you double the recipe.)



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It's summertime, and that means plenty of free time for the kids! Did you know that the Kane County Farm Bureau has discounted tickets in office to local and exciting attractions? Tickets to both Raging Waves (Yorkville) and Santa's Village Azoosment Park (East Dundee) can be purchased at the Farm Bureau office at discounted rates for our members. Tickets to the Charlestown 18 Cinema are also available at the office. So stop in the office and visit Membership Coordinator Liz Polovin and the rest of the Kane County Farm Bureau staff, who are happy to help make your summer the best it can be!



## County Fairs and Childhood Memories

By Kristi Van Oost



There are a few things from my childhood that I cannot forget ... like the smell of my mom's lasagna, or the feeling of fresh soil in my grandparents' garden. A few weeks back I was helping my mom clean out the storage space in the basement when we stumbled across an old box of my stuff from when I was a child. When I opened the box I found treasures galore, like my first ever pair of riding boots, my favorite stuffed horse I slept with every night, and an old straw hat.

It is funny how a simple accessory like an old straw cow-girl hat can bring back so many memories. Just one look at that old hat sent me back to a 7 year old version of myself, running around the county fair.

Going to the county fair was always a summer tradition for my family. My parents would pack plenty of sunscreen and water before loading my two sisters and me into our van before heading to the fairgrounds for what was my favorite night of the entire summer.

We would go on all the rides ... ferris wheel, tilt-a-whirl, even the swinging canoe ... and of course we would eat all of the fair favorites like cotton candy, corndogs, and funnel cakes. My sisters always enjoyed winning prizes at the various game booths. My favorite thing about the fair was all the animals.

As a young girl from the suburbs, I absolutely loved walking through the different animal barns. I would demand that my dad come with me to see the cows, pigs, goats, and horses. Of course he would always say yes, and with my little straw cowboy hat firmly on my head, we walked slowly through all the barns, stopping to watch nearly every animal in the barns.

I don't quite remember the last time I saw that little hat, with its red trimming and star on the front, but I remember how much I adored wearing it to every county fair as a child.

Now that I am older, I still enjoy going to the county fair every year, except now I don't

participate in the same activities I did when I was young. While I don't spend hours on rides or playing games, I get the chance to meet those families, like mine, who attend the fair as an annual family tradition.

This year, the Kane County Farm Bureau will once again be occupying our barn area, bringing back everyone's favorite activities like the scavenger hunt and farm zoo. We have some pretty exciting new features to look out for as well. On Friday, July 21 we will be hosting a fun painting activity starting at 5pm. Fairgoers are invited to help paint another BIG canvas to use as "peek boards." You can even get a free ice cream cone for helping out.

We'll also have a few new displays set up, including a special "31 Days of Christmas" raffle display. Here you can learn about and purchase raffle tickets for our annual scholarship fundraiser, and even see some of the prizes you could win in this year's raffle.

Rather than toss my beloved hat back into a box to be forgotten, I opted to repurpose it by using it as a decoration in my room. Every time I am feeling a little down, I use it to remind me of those happy memories ... and I am taken right back to the good old county fair.

## Order sweet summer 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, and packaged in a 25 pound 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. The peaches are freestones (easily comes off the pit). 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 pound box is \$29 (Plus member price), \$30.00 (member price) and \$32 (non-member price). 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 or MasterCard. Pickup will be on Thursday, August 24th from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau office, west side of the building (in the shed).

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St. Charles, IL 60174 or call 630-584-8660

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 15

Pickup is at the Farm Bureau on Thursday, August 24th  
from 2:00p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

## Kane County seeks comments on stormwater changes

On January 1, 2002, the Kane County Stormwater Ordinance became effective. The Ordinance requires that farmers obtain a permit for any land disturbing activities greater than 5,000 sq. ft. or 250 cubic yards, and allows rural land owners 25,000 sq. ft. of gravel, paved or roof area before stormwater detention is required. All typical farming activities are exempted from this Ordinance.

The Kane County Stormwater Management Committee was reactivated in January of 2017. There have been many changes in stormwater management over the past 15 years and the County Board approved

funding to update current Ordinances. As part of this update, the Committee changed the bylaws allowing for an Agricultural Subcommittee to represent rural landowners. Everyone is welcome to attend the first Subcommittee meeting and participate in the progress. The meeting will be held at the Farm Bureau.

A special Subcommittee meeting will be held July 19, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Kane County Farm Bureau to gather feedback on the current Ordinance from the Ag Community. We want to hear about:


1. Positive and negative experiences with the current permit

2. Impacts on farmland from caused by development (surface runoff and drain tile)
3. Thoughts and suggestions about stormwater detention on Ag. Property, other options?
4. Concerns about future nutrient (phosphorus & nitrogen) regulations and how that fits into the Ordinance
5. Other thoughts and ideas

Please RSVP to the Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660. If you are unable to attend, written comments can be submitted to the Kane County Farm Bureau as well. Please indicate "Stormwater Update" on your correspondence and send it to 2N710 Randall Rd, St. Charles, IL 60174.

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# KCFB Foundation 2017 Report to Donors & Contributors



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### College Scholarships

**Foundation General Scholarships**  
Awarded to students of KCFB members pursuing higher education for degrees and careers in agricultural fields of study. Recipients receive a minimum of \$1,000. This year, 14 students received this award.

**AGCO Parts Division Scholarship** Funded by the employees of AGCO Parts Division in Batavia, provides one \$1000 award for a student from Illinois pursuing a degree in an agricultural related career field of study. This year's recipient was **Eric Dunteman** of Big Rock.

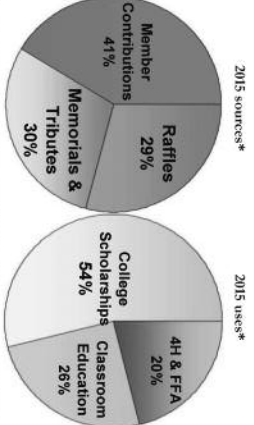
**John Buck Memorial Scholarship**  
**Allison Steininger** of Sugar Grove was chosen to receive this \$1,000 award offered to students in the 8 county Buck Bros./J.W. Turf service area. It was established in 2001 by an endowment in memory of Buck Bros. Inc. founder John Buck by friends & family of the late John Deere dealer.

**President's Scholarship**  
Recognizes the most outstanding local high school seniors seeking higher education in an agricultural field of study. The 2016-17 award of \$1,500 went to **Jessica Bowgren** of Maple Park.

**Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship**  
**Monica Zimmerman** of Batavia 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 a degree in an agricultural career field.

**Mary I. Heckel Blicke Memorial Scholarship** In her memory & to support young people's agricultural aspirations, provides one \$1000 award for a student residing in Kane or Macon County, pursuing a degree in an agriculture related career field. This year's recipient was **Susie Thompson** of Maple Park.

### FOUNDATION Funding



\*Excludes Harvest for ALL, where 100% of contributions are channeled directly to local food pantries, with no administrative costs.

### 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 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.

The Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports education, leadership development, research & charitable activities for the benefit of agriculture and farm families.

### Food for Tomorrow

FOOD>Forward is an initiative to raise funds for classroom education about food and farming & to provide college scholarships for local students studying for careers in agriculture. There will be 2 billion more people to feed globally by 2050. It is estimated that between 2015 and 2020, there will be approx. 57,900 annual openings for careers within agriculture. Statistics show a gap of 22,500 college grads annually for jobs in agriculture related fields. The best way to meet the global food challenge is for farming, agriculture and food policy to attract and retain the best minds. Support of FOOD>Forward funds classroom outreach, getting kids excited about the industry and teaching them how their food is raised. It also provides dozens of annual college scholarships for students in ag majors.

### Food for Today

KCFB was awarded the 2014 Service Club Philanthropic Award from the West Suburban Philanthropic Network for hunger relief efforts, including Harvest for ALL, administered by the Foundation. WSPN honors individuals and organizations committed to philanthropy in our west suburban communities and beyond. In total, Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation and Farm Bureau members have provided more than 1.4 million meals through the Harvest for ALL and hunger relief program.

### Internship Programs

Internships are offered by the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation during summer, winter & mid-term breaks, to students who have completed 30 undergraduate hours. Structured to meet student needs, develop professional skills & build on their knowledge about agriculture.

### Raffle Fundraisers

The **Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle** is the Foundation's biggest fundraiser. In 2017 the raffle gave our supporters a chance at winning one of three prizes. The grand prize winner could choose between a 1953 Farmall Super C, a John Deere X300 riding mower, or \$2,500 cash. Other prizes included food, fuel, and Farm Bureau Bucks. The raffle gives tractor enthusiasts something to look forward to as they help provide funds for the Foundation.

### SPROUTS

During SPROUTS (Spring Program of Reading Outreach to Urban Teachers & Students), volunteers visit classrooms to read a agriculture themed book, *The Heartland*, to third graders and explain how farmers grow the world's food, fuel & fiber. A copy of the book was donated to each classroom. SPROUTS is supported through a memorial fund in honor of Bob Konon, established by his family and friends.

### Summer Ag Institutes

The Foundation provides support for KCFB Summer Ag Institutes & Agricultural Tours for teachers. SAI1 is a one-week graduate credit course on ag research, inputs, production, and marketing. It provides a broad overview of Kane County farms and agribusiness. SAI2 focuses on Agriculture and STEM, and is open to graduates of SAI1. Possible sites include a look and dam site, research lab, ag industries, and food bank.

### Memorials & Tributes

Whether to remember a loved one, celebrate a family's agricultural heritage, or simply show support of Farm Bureau and the Foundation, **Centennial Grove**, a grove of hardwood trees on the Farm Bureau property, offers a fitting & permanent public venue. A commemorative tree sculpture and sign were added in 2013 to be viewed by Farm Bureau visitors for generations.

### Scholarship Spotlight

Thanks to the support of Kane County Farm Bureau, my experience at UIUC has been outstanding. The university has truly become a home to me and has offered me many different opportunities. I am truly grateful to be involved in Sigma Alpha, Hoof'n Horns, Pre-Veterinary Club, Phi Eta Sigma and several other organizations. It has been a great experience meeting professors and learning about all of the experiences that are ahead of me. The support and encouragement provided by KCFB has pushed me to strive for my goals and give back to the agricultural industry.



Alexandra Kuee  
Scholarship Recipient 2015  
College: UIUC  
Major: Animal Sciences

### FFA Chapter Grants

FFA Chapter Grants recognize the contributions of Kane County FFA Chapters in the success of Foundation programs. In 2016, three Kane County Chapters capitalized on the grant, receiving a total of over \$1,350 for participation in KCFB activities.

### Touch-A-Tractor

This annual community service event offers the public a unique look at the machines that farmers use to grow the world's food. Activities at the 12th Annual Touch-A-Tractor at the Farm Bureau included tractors, family fun, & interactive activities for the kids.

### Ag Days

This was the 33rd year for our largest ag education program. About 1000 fourth graders and teachers from urban and suburban schools learn about farming through a series of 5-minute presentations from farmers, local businesses and agricultural groups. The program's longevity and volunteer support show its importance & explain why the Foundation provides financial support.

### 'FUN'draising

**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

The Foundation holds an annual Bucket Raffle at the County Fair. Local businesses donate items & gift certificates & fairgoers buy raffle tickets to place in the bucket of the prize they hope to win.

### U of I Extension Grant

An annual Foundation grant to U of I Extension, Kane County helps fund Extension's 4-H, youth education, food and nutrition programs.

### National AITC Conference

Annual participation in National AITC Conference tours, workshops, exhibits & contacts help keep local AITC materials and presentations up-to-date on the latest technology in agriculture.

### For the Future of Food

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## Paint & Sip, part deux – Paint &...ice cream?

Come out and show off your artistic skills (or lack thereof) at our one night only painting extravaganza. Join us Friday, July 21 from 5-9 at the Farm Bureau building on the Kane

County Fairgrounds as we paint scenes on another BIG canvas to use as a "peek board" for the County Fair, Touch-A-Tractor and other community events. (A peek board is a photo or canvas

with a cut out for kids and adults to poke their head through for pictures.)  
In lieu of adult beverages, our helpers and guests can enjoy ice cream cones from the Kane

County 4-H Foundation booth next door as a thank you for all who stop by to help us paint. No painting experience is necessary. Should you find yourself in need of some liquid courage

prior to picking up a brush, you can stroll down to the beer garden 200, away, for some live music and something more substantial than ice cream.  
We hope to see you there.