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KCFB mourns passing of Harold Marks

Kane County Farm Bureau lost a true friend, advocate, community supporter and business partner in October with the passing of Harold Marks, the “Christmas Tree Man”. His obituary appears on page 2.

Marks first approached the Farm Bureau in 2005 about selling his Wisconsin grown trees from our location after losing to development a spot in St. Charles he had used for over a decade. He also provided trees to other retail lots in the St. Charles area.

From the beginning it was

obvious that though distanced from this community by residency, he was intimately connected to this area, his customers and to rural people. In his initial proposal to the Farm Bureau, he offered members of this association a discount on his Christmas trees.

Over the past 15 years, Marks and his wife Denise have accepted donations at their Christmas Tree lot at the Farm Bureau to benefit the less fortunate and those affected by accidents or natural disasters. His concern for others was evident

in his every manner. He was also known to provide trees to those down on their luck to help families and especially kids have the best Christmas possible.

The Marks family will honor his commitment to Farm Bureau members and the St. Charles area community and sell Christmas Trees from a lot located at the Kane County Farm Bureau, beginning November 21. We offer our deepest condolences to the Marks family.



Harold Marks, with wife Denise, was a perennial fixture at Kane County Farm Bureau. He would arrive at Thanksgiving with his truckload of fresh, fragrant trees. He will be sorely missed. His obituary appears on page 2.

Illinois 2021 harvest progress

A familiar sight in area corn and soybean fields in recent weeks, combines like these started rolling in earnest in Kane County fields in late September-early October. According to the National Ag Statistics Service, crop conditions and crop progress compared very favorably to 2019 and years prior. The figures below are based on October 18 crop report for Illinois.

Illinois Crop Progress

	2021	2020
corn harvested	63%	45%
soybeans harvested	77%	56%

Illinois Crop Conditions

	2021	2020
Corn – good to excellent	70%	68%
Soybeans – good to excellent	70%	66%



IFB Live Local, Shop Local program to offer Winter Workshop series

Illinois Farm Bureau kicked off its series of 2021-22 Live Local, Shop Local Winter Workshops last month. The program’s Monthly Business Development Series started in October and runs through January 2022.

The workshop series provides a chance for farm and food businesses to gain new skills, expand their business and connect with industry peers facing similar challenges. Most of these workshops will be delivered online through a web-based platform, with some offering in-person opportunities.

The Winter Workshop lineup and number of sessions offered for each is the following:

- FSMA Food Safety (1 session)
- E-Commerce (4 sessions)
- Farmers Market (6 sessions)

- QuickBooks (1 session)
- Grant Writing (1 session)
- Human Resources (2 sessions)

Kane County Farm Bureau Regular (MM) and Professional (PM) members are invited to attend one or more of these Illinois Farm Bureau professional development workshops at no cost. The KCFB Board of Directors has decided to reimburse the cost of attendance to any member who provided proof of registration/attendance. Associate members can attend at an exclusive member rate. Non-members are also invited to attend with an incentive to network and see first-hand Illinois Farm Bureau’s commitment to supporting food and farm businesses.

“Our Illinois Farm Bureau virtual workshops allow for

more focused, in-depth resources directly meeting the needs of our members,” said Raghela Scavuzzo, associate director of food systems, Illinois Farm Bureau.

To deliver timely and relevant support and education, Illinois Farm Bureau partners with top industry organizations. These partners include,

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Farm toy of the month

The November farm toy is perfect for pint-sized farmers and horse fans. This Tomy John Deere Animal Hauling Set will be a big hit, with pickup truck, horse trailer, loader, and mare and foal. It’s busy work hitching the trailer and loading and unloading horses,

and a good way for cooped-up kids to “horse around”.

The John Deere Animal Hauling Set is \$22.93, but Farm Bureau members get a 10% discount this month. Stop in for your set and say hi. We’d love to see you!



KCFB CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2021

- 11 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 11 Veteran’s Day
- 18 Last day for Ho-Ka turkey orders
- 18 County Board Ag Cmte.
- 22 Christmas Trees arrive!
- 23 Turkey pick up at KCFB, noon-5:30pm
- 25 Happy Thanksgiving, office closed
- 26 Office closed

NOVEMBER FEATURED FOOD - Fresh HoKa Turkeys

In honor of Thanksgiving, our featured item for November is fresh HOKA turkeys. HOKA turkeys are locally raised in nearby Waterman, IL at Howard Kaufman Turkey Farm. Turkeys are individually wrapped, fresh and never frozen. **KCFB Member PLUS members receive a 5% discount for a price of \$3.29 per pound. All other KCFB members pay \$3.45 per pound and non-member price is \$3.61 per pound. Order yours by Thursday, November 18, by calling Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 or use the order form on page 8. Pick-up is at Kane County Farm Bureau on Tuesday, November 23, from 12-5:30pm.**



Find Your Right Fit: E-Commerce Platform Comparison - 4 Workshops Available

- WEEK 1 - November 2: Food Hub / Aggregator
- WEEK 2 - November 16: Wholesale
- WEEK 3 - November 30: CSA / Subscription
- WEEK 4 - December 14: Direct-to-Consumer

Cost: There is no fee for these workshops

ILFMA Illinois Certified Farmers Market Manager Course

Beginning November 8
Cost: ILFMA Farmers Market Association Member (ILFMA) \$250 / Non-Member \$350

ILFMA Farmers Market Master Series

Beginning November 2021
Cost: ILFMA Members \$10 each webinar or \$35 per series of 4 webinars / Non-Member \$40 each webinar or \$100 per series

QuickBooks Intensive Workshop

Beginning November 9
Cost: IFB Member \$15 | Non-Member \$50
Class is limited to 25 participants.

Professional Grant Development Workshop

November 10 & 11
Cost: IFB Member \$5 | Non-Member \$25
Class is limited to 25 participants.

Conflict Management

November 17
Cost: IFB Member \$25 | Non-Member \$45
Class is limited to 35 participants.

HR System Sessions and Resources

December 9
Cost: IFB Member \$25 | Non-Member \$45
Class is limited to 35 participants.

ILFMA Emerging Issues; Online Farmers Market Stores Intensive

Offered in February 2022
Cost: ILFMA Member FREE / Non-Member \$40

Visit ilfb.org/LiveLocal for full details and registration.
Please contact Sharon Dodd, sdodd@ilfb.org or Raghela Scavuzzo, rscavuzzo@ilfb.org with questions.

Happy Harvest Sale

Dean Kurr, 2 years old, and brother Warren, 5, of Batavia smile for the camera as they pick out their favorite mini gourds on a sunny Saturday morning last month during the annual KCFB Foundation Fall Harvest Sale.



Applications open for Agricultural Leadership Training

Are you a Kane County Farm Bureau member actively engaged in agriculture, production or agribusiness, day-to-day? Have you demonstrated agricultural leadership, involvement and support? Are you committed to be a leader and spokesperson for agriculture? ALOT needs you!



You'll benefit as an individual and as a group, whether you volunteer for a local group or association, lead a committee in local government, or are an agribusiness professional, you'll face and embrace challenges and victories through the ALOT program.

Established by Illinois Farm Bureau in 1979, Agricultural Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOT) provides select Illinois Farm Bureau members an opportunity to learn abroad range of skills to enrich their leadership abilities and provide a greater voice for agriculture in Illinois.

The five main areas of study are: Community & Engagement, political involvement, agricultural economics, current global issues and professional leadership development. All study sessions for 2022

will be held in Northern and Central Illinois.

Interested in developing a stronger voice for agriculture in Illinois? Call Steve Arnold to find out more about the program of study, dates, locations and financial assistance for local Farm Bureau members to participate, 630-584-8660.

2022 Dates and Locations:

January 25 –	Utica
February 1-2 –	Utica
February 8 –	Zoom
February 15-16 –	Springfield
February 22 –	Zoom
March 1 –	Sycamore
March 8 –	Break-No Session
March 15 –	Sycamore

Obituary for Harold Marks

Harold Thomas Marks III was welcomed with open arms by his Savior, and reunited with his youngest son, Robert, Friday October 8, 2021 at St. Clare Hospital in Baraboo, WI after a sudden heart attack at his home in Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Celebration of Harold's Life Service was Sunday, October 24 at noon at Lansing United Methodist Church in Lansing, IA with his dear friend and Pastor Sedar Wembonyama officiating. There was a lunch following the service, graciously catered by friend Mike Conway, owner of Milty's in Lansing, IA, and served by Carol and the Lansing UMC Ladies Bible Study group.

Picha Funeral Home in Wisconsin Dells is in charge of Harold's cremation. Harold's dear, dear friend, mentor and fatherlike figure, Bob, is crafting the wooden memorial urn that will hold his remains.

Harold was born November 11, 1959 in Waukegan, IL and as a young boy, lived in Fox Lake, IL, Marion, WI and Clintonville, WI. He was united in marriage for life with Denise Breitenbach April 19, 1980 at St. Martin Lutheran Church in Clintonville.

Harold was a man with many talents and abilities. He and

Denise operated several restaurants – his last venture was Wall-Marks Antiques, Ice Cream and Deli in Lansing, IA. He and Denise lived in a beautiful home overlooking the Mississippi River from 2009-2017. After living there for about six months, he walked over to his neighbors and new friends, Mitch and Paulette Wall's house next door, and said "Hey, Mitch... do you want to open an ice cream shop with me?" Thus, the birth of Wall-Marks, across the river in Lansing.

Harold was incredibly knowledgeable in the field of antique firearms... especially Winchesters. He often said how he wished the old guns could tell him stories of their history.

Harold's main focus and effort, in relation to his work, was poured into his Christmas tree business. He grew trees for many years on a piece of property purchased from his father on County Hwy I in Clintonville, WI.

His Marks' Christmas Trees retail lot was operated for 41 years in Illinois ... for the past, at least 20 years, in St. Charles at the Kane County Farm Bureau location. He was fondly known as "The Tree Man".

Harold ran his business with

integrity, honesty and compassion for those who were less fortunate or hurting for one reason or another. The friendships he established there will not end because he is gone ... they are deeply rooted and forever joined with his wife and children.

One of his dear friends said, "He was a force of nature!" Another said, "His wasn't a business, it was a ministry". Harold witnessed of his sound faith in God both in word and deed. The Lord most definitely welcomed him into Heaven with the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant".

Family meant everything to Harold. His entire adult life was spent working and trying to provide the best life he could for his family... always putting them before himself.

There are no words that can describe the sorrow we are feeling, but God's grace is so much more than sufficient and by His almighty power we can say with all faith and trust, "It is well with my soul."

Harold is survived by his wife of 41 years, Denise; his eldest son, Harold IV (Erin); his daughter, Hannah (James D.); his grandchildren, Kyla, Alexis, Elliot, Natalie, Trinity, and Uriah; his siblings, Helen, Vernon and Kathy; as well as his aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold Jr. and Patricia; and his son, Robert.



Kid's Safety Day

Right: Safety brochures, coloring books, member benefits and Farm Bureau publications line the table in front of KCFB President Joe White's John Deere 4630 Sprayer as families line up in the background with kids who want to hop in the cab of the tall machine. Over 50 community groups,



not-for-profits and local governments participated in the October 16 Kid's Safety Day.



Left: (L-R) State Representative Keith Wheeler, KCFB Manager Steve Arnold and State Representative Dan Ugaste pause for a picture at the Kid's Safety Day, hosted by the two State Representatives, at Chapelstreet Church in Geneva.

Fresh citrus, nuts, meats and other treats all ready for holiday savoring and sharing
See page 8 for details

Farming Funnies

Why don't mummies take time off? They're afraid to unwind.

How do mummies tell their future? They read their horror-scope.

Why do skeletons have low self-esteem? They have no body to love.

Like us on Facebook for a little end of the work week fun – our Friday Farming Funnies. You'll also find the latest info about ag education, local farming news and upcoming events and specials at Kane County Farm Bureau.

Welcome new members

You receive the Kane County Farmer because you are a Farm Bureau member. If you are a farm operator or owner, you benefit from a local, state and national organization committed to agriculture and your way of life.

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

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

KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE												
JANUARY 2021 THRU DECEMBER 2021												
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C. BRADLEY	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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C. COLLINS	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
J. ENGEL	X	X	^	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
G. GAITSCH	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	X	X		
B. GEHRKE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
W. KECK	X	X	X	X	X	X	*		X	X		
M. KENYON	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
K. KETTLEKAMP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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D. PITSTICK	X	X	*					X	X	X		
W. SCHNEIDER	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
J. WHITE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

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

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USDA announces pandemic response, safety grant program

The USDA has opened applications for the Pandemic Response and Safety Program grant and is accepting applications through November 22, 2021. USDA is seeking applications to support agricultural stakeholders who haven't yet received substantial federal financial assistance to respond

to the COVID-19 crisis. The program will help small businesses in certain commodity areas including small specialty crop and aquaculture producers, food processors and distributors, and farmers markets.

Small businesses and non-profits can apply for a grant to cover COVID-related expenses

such as workplace safety measures, retrofitting facilities, shifting to online sales platforms, transportation, worker housing, and medical costs. The funding request can range from \$1,500 to \$20,000.

This grant opportunity is really exciting for farmers market organizations and vendors that have spent the past year taking on costly modifications to keep their communities safe.

The RFA and the PRS Grant Portal provide more details about eligibility for the grant. Eligible entities are required to obtain a free DUNS Number from Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) before applying for this program. USDA has created a custom PRS DUNS number portal at <https://support.dnb.com/PandemicResponse>.

Application resources, includ-

ing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), tip sheets in English and Spanish on applying for a DUNS Number, videos on "How to Apply" and more, are available on the PRS Grant Portal.

For more information, you can also reach out to the PRS help desk, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. ET at (301) 238-5550 or usda.ams.prs@grantsolutions.gov. Check your eligibility, obtain a DUNS number, and learn more about the application process at the PRS Grant Portal.

Organizations need a DUNS number to apply, if you do not have one, it takes at least 5 business days to process. The 9-digit unique DUNS number will be assigned, free of charge, to a valid business entity based on their Legal Business Name and physical location. This process can take up to 5 days and you

cannot start your application until you have a DUNS Number.

Don't know if you already have a DUNS number? Look it up at: <https://support.dnb.com/?CUST=PandemicResponse>.

Need a new DUNS number? Apply at: <https://support.dnb.com/?CUST=PandemicResponse>.

Additional questions about DUNS Numbers? Contact the Application Helpdesk by phone at (301) 238-5550 or by emailing usda.ams.prs@grantsolutions.gov. The helpdesk hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 9 PM EST.

Although the application release date was moved back from late September to early October, applicants still have 45 days to apply. Applications will close at 11:59pm ET on November 22nd.

Thanks to our Donors...

The KCFB FOUNDATION offers its sincere appreciation to the following for their contributions to our FOUNDATION. These contributions help in the areas of community service, education, scholarship and hunger relief programs. The *Kane County Farmer* reminds readers that the KCFB Foundation is still accepting contributions earmarked to benefit our hungry neighbors through local food pantries and the Northern Illinois Food Bank as part of our Harvest for ALL initiative. Fall harvest is a great time to recognize and support our hungry neighbors!

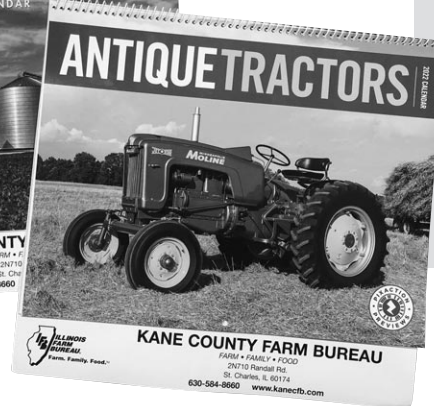
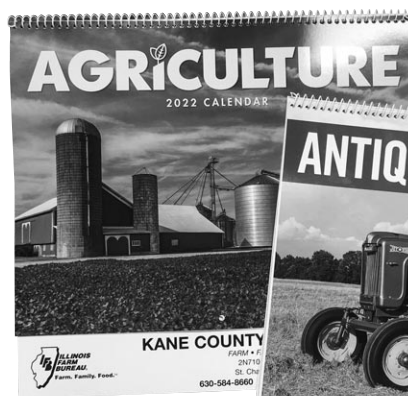
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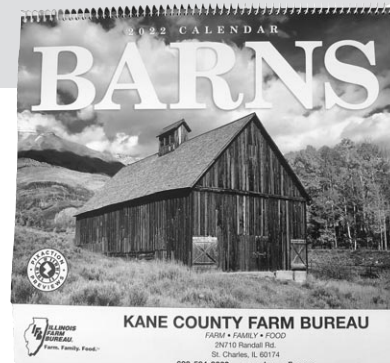
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Konen Family Foundation	KCFB "SPROUTS" reading program
Family/Friends of Ken Bartels	KCFB Foundation - to Central High School FFA

*For more information on KCFB Foundation scholarship, education or community service programs, contact Steve Arnold, Executive Director at 630-584-8660.



Farm Bureau 2022 calendar gifts to members



In appreciation of our Kane County Farm Bureau members, we have 2022 wall calendars featuring antique tractors, barns or scenic agricultural landscapes. Pick up your FREE calendar at our St. Charles office while supplies last.

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

Katherine Goldenstein	Madison
Michael Kenyon	South Elgin
Anthony Szymczak	Sugar Grove
Deborah Allan	Elgin
Bill Lenart	Sugar Grove

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.

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 Membership tab at the top, and then Renew your membership. You will be asked to register using your Farm Bureau number and to create a username and password.

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

Tree & Brush Clearing • Fence Row Clearing
Ditch Line Clearing
Stump Grinding • Mobile Wood Grinding

CENTRAL TREE

847-989-9048 www.CentralTree.net

Several Kane County Farm Bureau member farms and businesses offer Christmas Trees and some offer wreaths and roping/garland.

These locations include:

- Heinz Brothers Greenhouse – St. Charles**
630-377-6288 • trees & wreaths
- Klein's Farm & Garden Market – Udina**
847-697-4910 • trees & wreaths
- Kuipers Family Farm – Maple Park**
815-827-5200
- Lee's Trees – Lily Lake**
630-365-2116
- Spring Bluff Nursery – Sugar Grove**
630-466-4278 • Trees & wreaths
- Randy's Vegetables – Sleepy Hollow (Dundee)**
*Heiden's Christmas Trees
906-280-1897
- This Farm Market & Greenhouses – Maple Park**
815-761-8374
Christmas trees (limited supply – open weekends starting Nov. 20th) & wreaths
- Tom's Farm Market & Greenhouse – Huntley**
847-669-3421 • Christmas trees
- Trellis Farm & Garden – St. Charles**
630-584-2024 • Christmas trees & roping

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Happy Thanksgiving
from the Kane County Farm Bureau

AG LITERACY CORNER

By Kelcee Miller, Development & Ag Literacy Program Coordinator



Hello Kane County!

As I sit here and consider what lesson or lasting impression my column should contain for you all this month, I can't help but think of this reoccurring theme that I have been reminded of more and more every day. It's one so simple, but is often overlooked in the hustle and bustle of life. It's one we can sometimes take for granted. That is to be grateful for each and every day and all the blessings life has to offer. Live each and every day to the fullest and to do so by your own terms.

It has been said that each day is a gift, and I am a firm believer in that because nothing in this life is guaranteed. So why is it that we oftentimes fail to take the time to express gratitude for such blessings in our lives? We all know life can change within a blink of an eye and our worlds can be completely flipped upside down, whether it is a positive or a negative shift. Why is it that we fail to take the time to

be grateful for this crazy beautiful life until things "align" for us or until it's too late?

Personally, I have had a few of these encounters happen in my own life, on both ends of the spectrum. And I'm positive I'm not alone. Sometimes all it takes is that one moment to completely reframe or emphasize just how precious each and every day is and how we need to be thankful for all of life's blessings. Let's face it, not every day is going to be sunshine and rainbows. Some days will be harder than others. Some days it may be harder to identify the "good" in every situation. However, I am here to tell you as long as your heart is beating and you are breathing – that itself is a gift in which we must be thankful for!

You may be sitting there thinking that all sounds good and dandy, but it's not really your "thing." I am here to tell you that if you form a daily habit of giving thanks and not

just on Thanksgiving Day – you will continue to cultivate a positive and grateful mind, heart, and soul, which will continue to reward you in your daily life. A life of gratitude is the gift that keeps on giving.

I encourage you all to form a daily habit of giving thanks every single day. It doesn't have to be anything long and strenuous. However, like learning any new skill, it will take time, work, and dedication. It just won't magically happen. You must put forth the effort to identify whatever it is you are grateful for. It can be in those moments when you are by yourself, such brushing your teeth, showering, on your drive to work/school, etc. Just take a few moments to think of the things you are truly thankful for and all the wonderful things this life has to offer. Or have a conversation with a loved one, friend, or even neighbor and openly share with one another. Not your thing?

That's okay too! There are some awesome guided gratitude journals that can help you identify or highlight things every day. These can be a useful tool because you are actually putting pen to paper, thinking about it and visualizing the things you are thankful for. This may even help you identify themes or patterns which can be an insightful tool too!

Each day is a gift. We can't take them for granted. We must not fall victim to entitlement or complain about x, y, and z. Life isn't happening to you, it's happening for you. I believe that a life full of gratitude and happiness go hand-in-hand. You cannot have one without the other. Now more than ever, appreciate and love what you have and all that you have been given. And do the work to identify those gifts and share them. You never know who may need to hear your story or how you can inspire others to live a life of gratitude too. Not

every day will be perfect, pain-free, or always happy – but we have the ability to make it a great day to be alive by starting with a grateful heart. In addition, we can stack other beneficial habits such as being aware of what we feed our minds and bodies, what kind of lifestyle we live, who we surround ourselves with, and the truths we speak into reality can provide us with gifts that keep on giving and allow us to continue to share our gifts and live a life full of happiness and gratitude.

During this holiday season, I hope you find the time to identify the things you are grateful for as well as taking the time to share with those who influence your life. Create your own momentum, and before you know it you will be planting a life full of gratitude, happiness, and good health!

Happy November & stay well!

Book of the month

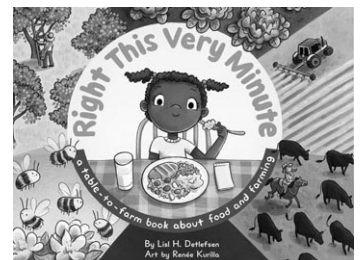
Here's the scoop – the theme for November is soil health and what better way to showcase the importance of soil and all of the delicious and joyful things it brings us, than with the book that has won not just one, but

two awards for its inspiring message! *Right This Very Minute*, written by the talented Lisl H. Detlefsen and illustrated by the creative Renee Kurilla, is the winner of American Farm Bureau Foundation Agriculture Book of the Year (2019) and

foods you are consuming right there on your table. Detlefsen provides such a unique and special perspective that is often overlooked, how with each and every bite, we – the consumer – have "the stories, the knowledge, the hard work, the pride, and the dedication of so many farmers right there in their hands" or on their plates.

This story perfectly emphasizes the importance of soil health and the farmers who tend and care for the land and help feed the world. And just in time for Thanksgiving too! Think of all the stories that will fill your Thanksgiving table this year. Right this very minute in a field on a wheat farm, a farmer is drilling furrows to sow the seeds that will be grown, harvested, and then ground into flour with which your Thanksgiving dinner rolls or pastry treats were made! And who knows, if you decide to become a farmer someday, that very minute, you'll be leaving your mark and helping feed the world too!

To read the award-winning story for yourself, visit our FREE KCFB Library and check out *Right This Very Minute*. The Kane County Farm Bureau Library was made possible by Bob Konen and Dean Dunn, and later supported by the Bob Konen Family.



Right This Very Minute by Lisl H. Detlefsen, illustrated by Renee Kurilla

winner of the Growing Good Kids Award from the Junior Master Gardener and the American Horticultural Society.

What's that you say? Your stomach is a rumbling and you're hungry? Right this very minute? Then you need a farmer. This award winning story is a table-to-farm book about the relationship between food and farming. On each page, Detlefsen highlights the importance of needing farmers and how – right this very minute – there is someone to thank for their hard work and dedication for growing and caring for the crops and livestock that will be turned into the ingredients and



KCFB thanks Andy and Sarah Lenkaitis, who provided a tractor to the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce to be used as a photo backdrop for their 36th annual Scarecrow Festival display that took place October 8-10 throughout downtown St. Charles. KCFB gets multiple requests each year for farm equipment for displays, community festivals, safety days and the like. If you would like to be contacted in regard to these opportunities up and down the Fox River Valley, or in communities to the west, please give Kane County Farm Bureau a call at 630-584-8660.

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Farm Facts @ Fun

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SOIL



"We're able to measure that what we're doing is improving soil health."

Brian Corkill, Galva, IL



Doing it how it has always been done is not an option for Henry County farmer Brian Corkill. Learn how he is working to improve soil health on his farm. <https://youtu.be/DD0lscwkbz0>.

Farmers across Illinois, including right here in Kane County, have a clear understanding of the harmony between good soil and good crops and yields. They work hard to tend their land. Farmers' no. 1 priority is to produce nutritious food for your family and theirs. Learn how Illinois farmers are building healthy soils to support productive and nutritious harvests. https://youtu.be/xCT_MDTuNuU.

November is ...

National

Galzone Day	1st	World Kindness Day	13th
Deviled Egg Day	2nd	Pickle Day	14th
Sandwich Day	3rd	Recycling Day	15th
Bison Day	6th	Peanut Butter Fudge Day	20th
Nachos Day	6th	Thanksgiving	25th
STEM/STEAM Day	8th	Cake Day	26th
Vanilla Cupcake Day	10th	French Toast Day	28th
Education Day	11th	Giving Tuesday	30th
Veterans Day	11th		

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National Fun with Fondue Month
National Peanut Butter Lovers Month
National Pepper Month

Soil

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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 by November 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.

Dig into dirt cups

Ingredients:
 1 3.4oz box instant chocolate pudding mix
 2 cups milk
 1 8oz whipped topping (thawed)
 Oreo cookies
 Gummy worms

Directions:
 In a medium bowl, add cold milk and sprinkle pudding over top and whisk until well combined
 Let mixture sit for 5 minutes to thicken

Gently fold in whipped topping until well combined
 Crush Oreo Cookies in a separate dish and set aside
 Spoon into clear glasses or cups, sprinkle crushed Oreo cookies on top, and add gummy worms on top of each cup
 Chill until ready to serve – dig in and enjoy!
 Find this sweet

treat and more recipes here: <https://www.julieseatsandtreats.com/dirt-cups/>



Edible soil layers

Ingredients:
 Chocolate and butterscotch chips mixed together
 Chocolate pudding
 Whole Oreos and crushed Oreos
 Shredded coconut mixed with green food coloring
 Gummy worms
 Clear cups or glasses
 Spoons
 Sticky post-its or labels

Directions:
 Begin with your empty glass, drop an entire Oreo into the bottom, this will represent the bedrock. Bedrock is a solid rock that lies under loose or softer material and it is the outermost layer of the Earth's crust.
 Grab your chocolate and butterscotch chips and layer them on top of the Oreo. These chips will represent the parent material which is formed from bedrock after a long weathering process, either by natural or chemical means and consists of weathered rock and partially

weathered soil.
 Spoon in the chocolate pudding to represent the subsoil. Subsoil is not high in organic matter concentrations but offers rich materials for plants and

richest matter for germinating seeds. And stick a couple gummy worms to help demonstrate the nutrients, bacteria, fungi, and life that are abundant here.
 Sprinkle the colored coconut on top and allow the worms to stick out. The coconut here illustrates organic material which consists of plant and animal residues at various stages of decomposition.

Lastly, label the layers and enjoy the sweet representation of the soil that gives us so much!

DIY Edible Soil Layers!



trees searching for root systems.
 On top of the subsoil, sprinkle the crushed-up Oreos, portraying the topsoil which represents the

Find this activity and more information here: <https://www.learningresources.com/blog/diy-earth-day-edible-soil-layers/>

Soil Scientists Christopher Miller of Juneau, WI, and Tiffany Justus of Aurora, IL address students from Hinckley-Big Rock, Kaneland, Central-Burlington, DeKalb, Sycamore, Hiawatha and Belvidere High Schools in preparation for an FFA Section 6 soils judging at Big Rock Forest Preserve on October 1.

Kaneland FFA Advisor Alex Turk (center) listens to instructions for the contest while surrounded by students from his and other local school districts. Students judged soils in 4 soil pits, 2 to using agricultural practices, and 2 using homesite practices. More than 120 students participated. A \$500 grant through the Illinois Sportsmen's Caucus with the assistance of State Representative Jeff Keicher helped make lunch possible for the students participating.



Congratulations

to Mildred Diehl of Maple Park, the October 2021 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 a harvest themed prize to be picked up at the Farm Bureau within the next 30 days (prizes will not be mailed). Thank you, Mildred, for reading the Kane County Farmer and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.

Jokes:

When does soil get rich?
 When Mother Nature makes it rain!

Did you hear about the sale going on at the soil shop today?
 Everything there was cheap as dirt!

As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden.
 The plot thickens!

My friend told me that he collects soil.
 I said, "What on earth!"
 He said, "Yes!"



Farmers know more, do more about soil health

My kids quickly mastered the abbreviations N, P and K during study sessions on the periodic table for middle school science. I couldn't explain why K stood for potassium other than phosphorous already used

the letter P. Regardless, the kids memorized the elements knowing they impacted their lives as much as course grade.

Every fall, our farm samples the soil in our fields for levels of nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P), potassium (K), organic matter, pH, sulfur and various micro-nutrients. We review the collected data to identify deficiencies that need treatment. Like humans, the soil needs certain nutrients for its best health

and performance. Where doctors order blood tests, farmers order soil tests for a health assessment that helps determine nutrient availability to crops and the soil's ability to support swift crop emergence and quality root development.

Armed with the know-how and technology, today's farmers can do more than ever to improve soil health. While N, P and K remain the industry standard macro-nutrients of the soil, we're now reviewing more components of the periodic table than previous generations. Micro-nutrients like boron (B), manganese (Mn), zinc (Zn) and

copper (Cu) have their place in soil performance. We also assess organic matter, soil tilth and porosity and determine ways to improve them.

Minimal to no mechanical tillage reduces soil disturbance. Water management structures in fields prevent topsoil erosion. Cover crops serve as a ground-cover to hold soil in place, keep the soil active, store nutrients, retain moisture and improve the soil structure between cash crops. Like routine human exercise, we're learning the soil's health improves with year-round activity.

This fall, we're using an additional tool on the combine to level and break up crop residue, making the residual plant material smaller for microorganisms to decompose.

The primary goals: More organic matter and nutrients for the soil. Crushed stalks also prove gentler on tires.

After harvest, we order soil tests with site-specific coordinates using global-positioning technology. Our agronomist then writes prescriptions for machines to variably apply the rate needed across specific areas of a field, making the most efficient, productive and environmentally conscious use of elements from the periodic table.

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

Don't rake fall leaves, recycle them

By Nancy Kreith, University of Illinois Extension

Every fall, an onslaught of leaves drop relentlessly into yards leaving homeowners to rake, bag, and haul them out on the curb. But what many don't know is that those golden-hued leaves are gold in the garden.

"After raking leaves this fall, think about recycling them on your property rather than bagging them for curbside pickup," says Nancy Kreith, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator.

Fallen leaves are one of the most readily available forms of organic matter for home gardeners. Decomposing leaves increase organic matter in the soil, can be used as mulch for garden beds and lawns, and are a valuable addition to compost piles.

Break down leaves with a leaf shredder or mulcher. Or, run over raked leaves with a lawnmower to cut them into smaller pieces. This initial breakdown allows for improved air circulation and more surface area leading to quicker decomposition.

"Be sure to separate diseased leaves from the leaves you plan to recycle or compost," says Kreith.

The rate of decomposition for leaves will depend on the leaf size, tree species and moisture level. Brown leaves break down faster if they are shredded and moistened. If un-shredded leaves are applied as mulch, they tend to mat together and suffocate the soil or vegetation.

"However, having matted leaves in a vegetable or annual garden bed in the fall will help smother winter annual weeds," Kreith says. "In the spring, the leaves can be incorporated or tilled into the soil."

Another easy way to recycle leaves is by storing them in garbage bags with small holes that allow leaves to break down naturally. Wetting the leaves and having holes in direct contact with the earth, where more microbes are present, will speed up the decomposition process. The end result is referred to as leaf mold or partially decomposed leaves.

"Leaf mold can then be used as mulch or saved as a carbon source for adding to your compost pile in the summer when there is less readily available 'brown' materials," Kreith says.

Brown or dry materials are typically high in carbon and will help to balance the "green" or

wet nitrogen-rich materials in a compost pile.

Leaves serve as a wonderful soil conditioner and increase organic matter in the soil, which has a variety of benefits. More organic material will increase the amount of microbial activity which includes beneficial bacteria, fungi, and other microorganisms that aid in plant growth. Organic matter also coats finer clay particles in the soil providing more air space and binds sandy soils allowing for better water retention.

Ideal garden soils should test at 5% organic matter. A standard soil test will provide the percentage of organic matter in soil. For information on soil testing kits and labs, contact a University of Illinois Extension office at go.illinois.edu/ExtensionOffice.

"By recycling leaves on your property, not only will you be improving your garden soil, you will also be making an environmentally conscious choice to keep your yard waste on-site rather than having it hauled off as waste," Kreith says.

To learn more about the basics of composting, visit extension.illinois.edu/global/composting-resources.



A sure sign of the approach of fall, as corn dries down in late August and early September, livestock farmers begin chopping corn for silage to feed cows through the winter. In the top picture, workers chop 3 rows of corn per pass and blow it into a wagon that trails the chopper on the Mike Kenyon farm near South Elgin on September 21.

Wagons heaped with chopped corn – stalks, leaves, ears and grain, are pulled beside a silage blower for unloading. The blower's huge fan, turned by a tractor's PTO (power take off) blows the silage to the top of a silo where it drops into a 40 foot tall (or more) column of compressed plant matter in an anaerobic (without oxygen) environment that prevents spoilage and keeps the feed fresh for cows to eat over the long winter months.

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 have shifted 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

Scroll down and click the orange box that says "Redeem Codes Now"

Under the first category menu select "Education"

Under the next category select "Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, St. Charles, IL"

Enter your codes in the boxes below

Click "Donate" in the orange box at the bottom to submit your cap codes.

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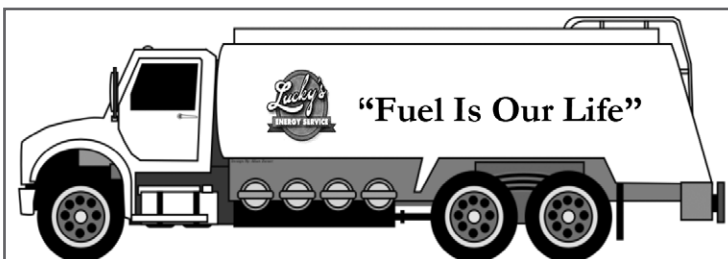
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Fresh citrus, nuts, meats and other treats all ready for holiday savoring and sharing
See page 8 for details



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THE FLAVORS OF AUTUMN

By Alice Macha
Communications Coordinator



The inexorable travel of time amazes me. It is November now, and the rich golden grains in farm fields are harvested, leaving behind a patchwork of somber taupe and gray stubble, punctuated by gleaming geese and cawing crows. On Sunday, November 7th, we turn the clocks back. In Chicagoland, the first day of November is 10 hours, 24 minutes long. The last

day of the month is 9 hours, 25 minutes, so the length of days gets 58 minutes shorter during the month. The typical temperature range is 48 degrees F to 32 degrees F and November is the month in which we typically see our first snow of the season. Time to line up the snow shovels, tune up the snow thrower, plant bulbs and mulch the perennials. And time to get out of the cold

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and brrr-ing on the holidays!

We migrate inside, into houses warmed by artificial light, forced air heat and ... food! Our taste buds and stomachs guide us in the planning and preparation of holiday treats – roast turkey, mashed potatoes, pies and Christmas cookies. We start now – planning menus, purchasing ingredients, preparing and freezing side dishes and cookie doughs for a flurry of food-centric festivities.

No wonder we overindulge during the dark and dreary days of November and December! We gather together to ward off the winter and enjoy the warmth and conviviality of meals and treats.

Everyone has their favorites – my mother in law loves sausage stuffing. I'd never tried it until I met her and now enjoy making a batch of it at Thanksgiving. My stepmother

loved all things pecan and pecan pie was her favorite. My younger sister's corn casserole is one of her signature dishes and a must have at her Thanksgiving table. My older sister makes a perfect fresh cranberry sauce. My friend's Christmas toffee squares are melt-in-my mouth favorites. My sister in law makes wild rice fritters that are vegetarian and a favorite of her husband. The list goes on – we all have our favorite, must-have holiday staples and treats.

It's funny how food is so intertwined with fond holiday thoughts and memories. Good meals and treats contribute to our overall sense of warmth and comfort.

Kane County Farm Bureau offers some delectable treats for tasty dining traditions and holiday gift giving. HoKa turkeys are perennial favorites – fresh

turkey from HoKa Farms in Waterman, IL. See page 8 to order your fresh or fresh smoked turkey.

We also offer holiday fruits, nuts, and meats including Texas grapefruit, California and Florida oranges and clematines, and Inboden's savory steaks and pork chops. These make great gifts for foodie friends and family. See page 8

I hope the gatherings of family and friends sustain all of us through the dreary days of November and are seasoned just right – a lotta sweet, a little savory, and not too much salty language, peppery conversation or acidic commentary. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

P.S. If you have a good squash or sweet potato recipe, please email it to info@kanecfb.com. We'd be delighted to have new recipes for some of our favorite autumn foods.

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!

Young Farmers recap

Kane County Young Farmers gathered on a late September evening at the Kane County Farm Bureau to discuss fall updates at the Farm Bureau. The updates include the recent approval from the Farm Bureau Board for the construction of a 27' windmill at the northwest corner of the KCFB building. The windmill, with an 8' head, will be installed by Frank Engel this fall. Once complete, KCFB and the Young Farmers will erect the Young Farmers Little Lending Library of agriculture friendly books along the sidewalk near the windmill.

In addition, the group discussed the expansion of an 800 sq. ft. pollinator/rain garden, installed last year along Randall Road, into a much larger landscape feature. When complete, the garden will be over 3,000 square feet, and in the shape of Illinois. KCFB plans to install interpretive signs and to use the network of Illinois' major rivers as a pattern for walking paths between an assortment of prairie, pollinator and wetland plants. This fall KCFB is seeking field stones and river stone/limestone from members to begin the project. See last month's *Kane County Farmer* for details.

In other news, congratulations to Young Farmers Chair, Carolyn Gehrke, on advancing to the State YL Discussion meet at the IFB Annual Meeting this December. Congratulations also on her marriage earlier this autumn to Scott Brummel!

Speaking of the IFB Annual Meeting, it is currently planned for in-person, December 4-7 in Chicago. If you are interested in participating, please call Steve Arnold at the KCFB office, 630-584-8660. Several KCFB Directors will also attend the AFBF Annual Meeting in Atlanta in January, where they will staff a display on the FB's Pollinator/Rain Garden project, which won an AFBF County Activities of Excellence award last year.

After harvest, Young Farmers will discuss the 2022 State YL Conference, ideas for next year – educational and volunteer, Young Farmer/FFA Acquaintance, Sponsorship of concealed-carry classes and any other topics, programs or issues on their minds. They will also conduct elections for officers for 2022.

If you or someone you know between the ages of 18-35 has an interest in networking and socializing with others who share an interest in the agriculture field, give KCFB a call (630-584-8660) or better yet, stop on by the office to become a member today!

Grain Bin Safety

On Saturday, October 2 last month, the Young Farmers Grain Bin Safety trailer went to the Elburn Fire Dept for training at Station #1. The trailer was stocked with corn, safety banners, safety equipment and messages and all the accoutrements the Young Farmers acquired several years ago for this purpose.



The Young Farmers Grain Bin Safety Trailer appeared recently at Elburn Fire Department to aid in training exercises.

What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

St. Charles Agency, Bob Effner, Agency Manager

Bob Riedel has been named the Rep of the Month for September 2021 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF, LUTCF. Bob 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 Bob's expertise help you! You may reach Bob at 847-428-5434, robert.riedel@countryfinancial.com, or <https://representatives.countryfinancial.com/robert.riedel>.

Congratulations, Bob!

Aurora Agency, Alonzo Nevarez, Agency Manager

Ryan Mizgate, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for September 2021. Ryan began his career with COUNTRY Financial in June of 2014 and services clients out of his office located at: 1161 Oak Street, North Aurora, 60542, (630) 907-9485. Ryan's professionalism, community involvement and vast knowledge of auto, home, life, commercial and financial products make him a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Ryan!

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Winter Workshop

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The Land Connection, Produce Safety Alliance, University of Illinois Extension, MarketMaker, Food 4 All, Local Food Marketplace, Illinois Farmers Market Association, Julia Shanks Food Consulting, Grant Training Center and Knowledge Navigators.

Illinois Farm Bureau hosted five in-depth business development workshops last spring with over 225 attendees. In addition, the IFB program will host the one-day in-person Live Local Conference on March 23.

Live Local, Shop Local is an Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) program that connects local food and farm businesses and Illinois communities. These programs are targeted to farmers, small business, agritourism business, farmers market managers, nonprofits and value-added producers.

Dates and times of each session are listed below.

FSMA Food Safety Training – November 4-5 | Cost: \$30 | Registration closes Sunday, October 17!

Find Your Right Fit: E-Commerce Platform Comparison – 4 Workshops Available | Cost: There is no fee for these workshops

WEEK 1 – November 2: Food Hub / Aggregator

WEEK 2 – November 16: Wholesale

WEEK 3 – November 30: CSA / Subscription

WEEK 4 – December 14: Direct-to-Consumer

Illinois Certified Farmers Market Manager Course – Beginning November 8 | Cost: Illinois Farmers Market Association Member \$250 / Non-Member \$350

Farmers Market Master Series – Beginning November 2021 | Cost: Illinois Farmers Market Association Member \$10 each webinar or \$35 per series of 4 webinars / Non-Member \$40 each webinar or \$100 per series

QuickBooks Intensive Workshop – Beginning November 9 | Cost: IFB Member \$15 | Non-Member \$50

Professional Grant Development Workshop – November 10 & 11 | Cost: IFB Member \$5 | Non-Member \$25

Conflict Management – November 17 | Cost: IFB Member \$25 | Non-Member \$45

HR System Sessions and Resources – December 9 | Cost: IFB Member \$25 | Non-Member \$45

Use these workshops as a tool to connect with farmers, small businesses, specialty growers, agritourism businesses, farmers market managers, nonprofits, and value-added producers. To learn more about each business development session and to complete registration, please visit ilfb.org/LiveLocal.

For questions, contact Sharon Dodd, sdodd@ilfb.org, or Raghela Scavuzzo, rscavuzzo@ilfb.org.



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Harvest Sale *Thanks!*

Thank you to all KCFB members and friends of the community for another successful KCFB Foundation Fall Harvest Sale! This year we had an assortment of beautiful mums, plump and colorful pumpkins and gourds, Indian corn, and straw bales.

The fall Harvest Sale benefits our Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation's Ag Literacy and Scholarship programs and is one way for our office staff to assist with fundraising and meet many Farm Bureau and local community members. Since it is conducted 24-7 on the honor system, we are especially grateful for the generosity and honesty of our community of friends and neighbors.

The KCFB Foundation would also like to thank all of the hardworking men and women who helped grow, care for and deliver the inventory to make this sale possible! Many of these hardworking farm families make the majority of their farm income from products that are sold beginning in late September and winding down by Halloween, or Thanksgiving at the latest. That's a lot of risk for a short marketing season that hinges on just a few crisp but sunny fall weekends, so THANKS!



Left: KCFB staffers (L-R) Alice Macha, Liz Polovin and Kelcee Miller dig through giant cardboard bins of pumpkins to separate them by size and price for the Fall Harvest Sale. As they say, teamwork makes the dream work!

Left: Once pumpkins were sorted and arranged, Kelcee Miller got to work pricing pumpkins using sidewalk chalk on the parking lot. The much needed rains of late September and early October meant that Miller got lots of "chalk calligraphy" practice!



Xmas tree discount for KCFB members

Marks' Tree Farm, which has been doing business in St. Charles for three decades, has established a Christmas tree lot at the Kane County Farm Bureau between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Marks' provides quality, fresh cut Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Spruce and White Pines grown on their farm in Northern Wisconsin. They are also happy to offer evergreen wreaths and crosses, perfect for doors or walls that need a little "sprucing" up!

Kane County Farm Bureau members will receive a \$10.00 discount on all trees on the lot.

We hope you take advantage of this convenient and money saving member service.

And, while you are at the Farm Bureau, stop inside for

holiday gift ideas including farm toys, puzzles, branded apparel, and a selection of local meats, honey, BBQ sauces, and much, much more!



Order your fresh, never frozen turkey

Start a holiday tradition like no other with a fresh HoKa turkey for Thanksgiving. HoKa turkeys are locally raised at Howard Kauffman Turkey Farms in nearby Waterman, IL. They are individually wrapped and boxed, which makes them perfect for holiday entertaining or as gifts. Kaufman Turkey Farms is one of the country's last independent family turkey farms with its own federally inspected dressing plant.

KCFB Member PLUS members: \$3.29/lb.
KCFB members: \$3.45/lb.
Non-members: \$3.61/lb.

Whole Turkey

Order yours by Thursday, November 18, by calling Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 or mail back the order form below. Turkeys vary in weight, so please indicate the weight you would like and we will get as close as we can (exact weight cannot be guaranteed, a 2-lb range is recommended).

Pick-up is at Kane Co. Farm Bureau on Tuesday, November 23, just in time for your Thanksgiving dinner!

Kane County Farm Bureau - Fresh Thanksgiving Turkeys

_____ # of turkey(s). Requested weight(s) (2-lb range, please): _____ - _____ lbs.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS THURSDAY, NOV. 18.

Payment is due at pickup at the Farm Bureau Tuesday, November 23, 12-5:30pm

Name: _____

Telephone No./E-mail: _____

Member Number: _____

Mail to Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles IL 60174
 or order by phone: (630) 584-8660 or e-mail: member@kanecfb.com

Holiday Product Order Form

Citrus, Nuts, Meat, Popcorn, Spice

Kane County Farm Bureau is once again offering fresh citrus and seasonal items for the holidays trucked in fresh to fill our orders. Members say the taste and freshness are hard to beat! An annual tradition for at least half a century, this is one you'll be glad to be a part of. KCFB members receive a discount & PLUS members get an even better deal. Check out the gift boxes for holiday gift giving.

Complete the order form and return with your payment to Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174, by **Thursday, Nov. 18th Pickup is Wednesday, December 15th, 2021** at Heinz Brothers Greenhouse (same as last year), 2010 E. Main St., St. Charles (just west of Dunham Road).

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

KCFB MEMBER#: _____

CREDIT CARD#: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____ CVC#: _____

ORDER DEADLINE: Thursday, November 18, 2021
\$25 for PLUS Member Pricing (Additional benefits apply)

Questions? Call 630-584-8660

PICKUP TIME: Wednesday, December 15, 2021
 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

LOCATION: HEINZ BROS. GREENHOUSE
 2010 E. MAIN ST., ST. CHARLES
 (JUST WEST OF DUNHAM ROAD)

PAYMENT: **WITH ORDER PLACEMENT**
 WE ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD & DISCOVER

SEND ORDER TO: KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU
 2N710 RANDALL ROAD
 ST. CHARLES, IL 60174

QUANTITY		Non-Member	PRICE KCFB Member	KCFB Plus (+) Member
NEW OFFERINGS				
_____	MESH CITRUS BAG 1/4 Bu. (10 #) fill with citrus mix of YOUR choice at pick-up, 10 lbs.	\$23.75	\$21.50	\$20.50
_____	MIXED CITRUS BOX 2/5 Bu. 16-20 Mandarins, 18-20 Navel Oranges, 6 Red Grapefruit	\$38.00	\$34.50	\$32.75
CITRUS BOXES				
_____	GRAPEFRUIT (RED) 2/5 Bu. (Florida)	\$25.00	\$22.00	\$19.05
_____	GRAPEFRUIT (RED) 4/5 Bu. "	\$42.75	\$35.50	\$33.75
_____	NAVEL ORANGES 2/5 Bu. (California)	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$23.75
_____	NAVEL ORANGES 4/5 Bu. "	\$44.00	\$40.00	\$38.00
_____	CLEMENTINES 1/5 Bu. (California)	\$24.75	\$22.50	\$21.50
_____	CLEMENTINES 1/2 Bu. (California)	\$48.50	\$44.00	\$41.75
MIXED BOXES				
_____	HOLIDAY GIFT BOX 18-20 Navel oranges, 4 Grapefruit, 10 Red Delicious apples	\$38.00	\$34.50	\$32.75
_____	GRAND SLAM PACK 6 Red Delicious Apples, 6 D'Anjou pears, 3 Golden Delicious apples, 18-20 navel oranges	\$38.00	\$34.50	\$32.75
NUTS				
_____	PEANUTS - 16 Oz. Skinless Can	\$6.75	\$6.00	\$5.75
_____	HONEY KRUNCH PEANUTS - 12 Oz. Can	\$6.75	\$6.00	\$5.75
_____	PECAN HALVES - 16 Oz. Bag (Georgia)	\$12.75	\$11.50	\$10.75
_____	MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED PECANS - 12 Oz. Bag	\$12.00	\$11.50	\$10.75
_____	MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED PEANUTS - 12 Oz. Can	\$7.25	\$6.50	\$6.00
_____	HONEY ROASTED PECANS - 9 Oz. Can	\$10.50	\$9.50	\$9.00
_____	MILK CHOCOLATE PECAN CLUSTERS - 9 Oz. Box	\$10.50	\$9.50	\$9.00
_____	DARK CHOCOLATE SEA SALT CARAMELS - 8 Oz. Box	\$10.50	\$9.50	\$9.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
_____	POPCORN, Yellow 2 Lb Bag	\$4.00	\$3.50	\$3.25
_____	BBQ SPICE, 12 Oz. Shaker Jar	\$11.50	\$10.50	\$10.00
MEAT - 5 LB BOX (all individually wrapped)				
_____	BOURBON SIRLOIN STEAKS, 8 Oz. (4 #)	\$58.75	\$53.50	\$48.50
_____	PORK CHOPS - 8 Oz, Seasoned, Bone-In (5 #)	\$37.50	\$34.00	\$32.25
_____	PORK CHOPS 8 Oz, Seasoned, Boneless (5 #)	\$37.50	\$34.00	\$32.25
_____	PORK CHOPS 10 Oz, Seasoned, Boneless (5 #)	\$37.50	\$34.00	\$32.25
_____	LEMON ROSEMARY PORK ROAST / Qty 3, 24 Oz Per Box	\$30.75	\$28.00	\$26.50
_____	\$25 INCLUDED FOR PLUS MEMBER PRICING (additional benefits apply)			\$25.00
_____	TOTAL # ITEMS ORDERED			
_____	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			

All prices include applicable sales tax.