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## Last chance to register for local food conference

By Kay Shipman

A local food primer and focus on Illinois' food history and future offer meaty topics for the Illinois Farm Bureau Local Regional Food Conference November 6-7 in Bloomington.

Two of the nation's top local food experts will deliver keynote addresses Nov. 7 during the morning session. James Barham works as an agricultural economist with USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service, Washington, D.C. James Matson of Matson Consulting previously worked as an agricultural marketing specialist with USDA Rural Business Cooperative Service,

Washington, D.C.

Barham described his opening remarks as Local Food 101.

on economic, social, and environmental factors.

Matson plans to shine the food spotlight on Illinois. His remarks will

attendees by surprise.

Shifting his focus to modern Illinois, Matson said he will discuss the state's north-south divide paradigm. While not ignoring Chicago area markets, Illinois growers in different regions can find sizeable markets across the state's borders, including Indianapolis and St. Louis, Matson pointed out.

On the first day, Matson and Barham will lead a

conference will be in the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center, Bloomington. The conference opens with a full day of in-depth activities followed by a second day of keynote addresses and breakout sessions.

One- and two-day registration options are available with discounts for Farm Bureau members, and for two-day registration.

Farm Bureau member registration fees are \$70 for the first day, \$50 for the second day, and \$100 for both days. Registration includes lunch, snacks, and a continental breakfast.

Hotel accommodations must be arranged separately. Rooms have been set aside in the "Illinois Farm Bureau Block" at the DoubleTree and cost \$130 per night. This includes breakfast and Wifi.

For more information or to register, visit [ilfb.org/live-local](http://ilfb.org/live-local).

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Conference speakers include Jim Barham (left), agriculture economist with USDA Rural Development in Washington, D.C., and Jim Matson, who owns Matson Consulting.

include "the fractured food history of Illinois", Matson said. His history nugget linking Chicago mobster Al Capone and the dairy industry will catch many

workshop entitled, "Everything you wanted to know about food hubs, but were afraid to ask." Barham noted: "There is a lot of confusion about what it (a food hub) is."

This year's two-day confer-

## Delegates chosen for IFB annual meeting

Kane County Farm Bureau has announced the local Directors who will represent area farmer's interests at the upcoming meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau. Kane County Farm Bureau President Joe White of Kaneville has chosen Directors Wayne Schneider (VP) of West Dundee, Frank Carlson of St. Charles and Dale Pitstick of Genoa to join him on the delegate floor as over 300 farmers from around the state

debate and decide organizational policy on local, state and national issues. The recommendation was approved by the organization's Board of Directors.

In addition to decisions on policy impacting farmers, delegates will elect representatives and officers to the Board of Directors of the Illinois Farm Bureau at the 4 day meeting. The meeting begins Saturday, December 2 at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

## KCFB announces new John Deere discount partnership

Kane County Farm Bureau and John Deere are excited to announce a new partnership which will give Farm Bureau members special access to the John Deere's GreenFleet™ Loyalty Rewards program, providing members with a free two-year Platinum 2 membership.

This new member discount program will strengthen the existing partnership between John Deere and Farm Bureau, and continue to grow John Deere's dedication to strengthening their support of America's farmers and ranchers.

"John Deere is committed to the success of customers whose work is linked to the land," said Steve Geick, director, John

Deere Ag Industry Relations US/Canada. "Together with Farm Bureau, we are strengthening our agricultural communities and building for the future.

The GreenFleet Loyalty Rewards program for Farm Bureau members is John Deere's way of rewarding those who cultivate, harvest, transform, enrich and build upon the land."

Along with valuable equipment discounts, GreenFleet Loyalty Rewards Platinum members are eligible for special parts savings, Home & Workshop Products discounts, and other members-only promotions.

Normally, a customer must initially purchase two pieces of

qualifying equipment within 12 months to reach Platinum status. Farm Bureau members will automatically qualify by signing up through [JohnDeere.com/FarmBureau](http://JohnDeere.com/FarmBureau) for these benefits:

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- **Special Parts Savings** – Money-saving parts coupons and offers to help keep your equipment at its best

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### November

**November 9**  
Board of Directors, 7:00pm

**November 11**  
Veteran's Day

**November 15**  
Young Farmer's Elections

**November 17**  
Citrus Orders Due  
Turkey Orders Due  
Wreath Orders Due

**November 21**  
Turkey Pick Up, Noon-4pm

**November 23 & 24**  
Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

**November 27**  
Make & Take Wreath class  
signup deadline

Happy Thanksgiving



Clockwise from top left: KCFB President Joe White, Vice President Wayne Schneider, Dale Pitstick and Frank Carlson.

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Once a member has signed up for GreenFleet at [JohnDeere.com/FarmBureau](http://JohnDeere.com/FarmBureau), they will have access to the following benefits:

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- \$100-\$250 off Residential Mowing
- \$200-\$350 off Utility Vehicles
- \$200-\$350 off Tractors
- \$500-\$3,700 off Golf & Sports Turf
- 17% off MSRP – Commercial Worksite
- 10% off apparel and accessories at [JohnDeereStore.com](http://JohnDeereStore.com)

#### Other Details and Restrictions

- GreenFleet Loyalty Rewards benefits are only available at John Deere dealerships. Purchases from other stores will count towards GreenFleet status, but are not eligible for a GreenFleet discount.
- A valid email address is required to be eligible for this benefit.
- There is no minimum length of Farm Bureau membership to receive the GreenFleet benefit.



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# KCFB Board meeting review

The regular monthly meeting of the Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was held on October 5th, 2017 and was called to order by Vice President Wayne Schneider. Following the call to order, the board reviewed the consent agenda and gave their monthly reports.

In unfinished business, Steve Arnold presented American Tower Corporation's counter offer and the board approved an extension on the Cell Tower lease. Other items presented included examining the cost of adding ceiling fans in the board room and the status of bids for the sidewalk and parking lot.

Also in unfinished business, Arnold reported on the audit engagement correspondence and the board then went through details of the IAA Annual Meeting, located this year at the Palmer House from December 2-5.

In new business, cost-saving initiatives were analyzed and a motion to replace the current parking lot lights with LED ones carried. Also reviewed was the renegotiated Waste Management Contract that reduced the monthly fee by nearly 85%.

Mike Kenyon, Treasurer, shared the financials and the Quarterly Investment Portfolio and was followed by President Joe White giving his report. President White focused the direction of his report on the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida, as was discussed in the IFB Board Meeting. It was decided that KCFB would

donate \$500 towards helping those affected by Hurricane Irma, as was previously funded to helping those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

The Manager's Report, given by Steve Arnold, covered a variety of topics. It was decided that the District 1 meeting will be held on November 21st at 7 pm at the McHenry County Farm Bureau. At the KCFB office, a new communications specialist, Marty Keltner, will be starting on October 9th. In other news, the media requests from Northwest Quarterly, Crain's Chicago Business, and the Illinois Farmer Today were fulfilled. New vacation destination options for 2018 from Mayflower Tours are being featured: America's Canyon Country, featuring Four National Parks, and Colorado's Historic Trains, featuring Five Scenic Rail Excursions and Three National Parks. Arnold also reported that exciting new benefits created by a partnership with John Deere means that current and new KCFB members can bypass the standard requirements to become a program member of the GreenFleet Platinum 2 for free, for two years! Last, but not least, Ford is offering a \$500 cash bonus to military and first responders that can be used on top of the \$500 cash bonus offered to current and new KCFB members. Restrictions apply and eligibility must be determined.

In Local Government Reports, FPD President Mike

Kenyon, reported on the purchase of properties. The Kane County Agriculture Committee Report was given by Steve Arnold along with the Stormwater Ordinance, Agriculture Sub-Committee report. There were no reports given concerning the Farmland Protection Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, or the Regional Planning Commission.

Next up was Donna Lehrer representing the Direct Marketers and Specialty Growers. She briefed the group on "Live Local", the IFB Local/Regional Food Conference being held November 6th and 7th in Bloomington and reminded board members of the necessary due dates for registration. Jerry Gaitsch gave the marketing report on the Argentina/Brazil Issues Tour happening January 27th through February 4th. Contributions were then reported on by Bill Collins. Good Done Great contributed to the KCFB Foundation and both CHS Elburn and Ryan and Juanita Klassy contributed to Harvest for ALL. We thank them for their generosity!

A written report was read, originating from Suzy Myers, in regards to a November 1st Advisory Council Meeting at 3:30 pm for Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC).

For the topic of the AFBF, National Issues, and Activities, it was noted that the AFBF Annual Meeting will be in Nashville, TN January 6th through 9th for 2018.

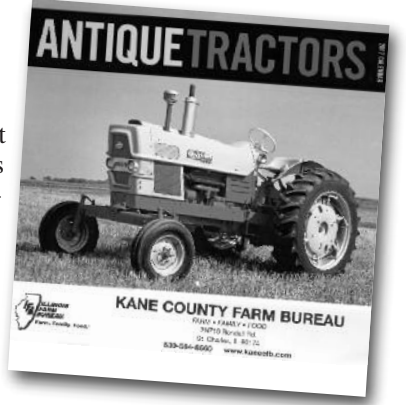
Correspondence was circulated and included a Thank You note from the Illinois Agriculture Leadership Foundation as well as a Thank You note from the Family of Patrick Collins for expressing

our sympathy.

The next regularly scheduled Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9th at 7 pm.

## 2018 Farm Bureau Calendars Available

Believe it or not – 2018 is just a few months away! Members are invited to pick up a 2018 calendar at the Farm Bureau office in St. Charles. This year's themes are Antique Tractors and Barns. It's just one more way to say "Thanks!" for being a Kane County Farm Bureau member.



### KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE JANUARY 2017 THRU DECEMBER 2017

|               | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JULY | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
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| K. KETTLEKAMP | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X    | X   | X   | X   |     |     |
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Start planning your Thanksgiving feast and order your turkey from the Kane County Farm Bureau. They're locally produced, delivered fresh, never frozen to our office and you pick it up Nov. 21st, just in time for Thanksgiving.

### November Featured Product **Fresh, local turkey**

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 10% discount for a price of \$2.67 per pound. All other KCFB members pay \$2.96 per pound and non-member price is \$3.41 per pound. Order yours by Friday, Nov. 17 by calling Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 or use the order form on page 3. Pick-up is at Kane County Farm Bureau on Tuesday, Nov. 21.



KCFB volunteers gathered in October to add clever sayings to candy bars distributed during harvest time to help promote National Farm Safety & Health Week to Kane County farmers.

## 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 other 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 resource, renewable energy or agricultural heritage and history related topics for inclusion in future issues of the Farmer.

plete, the member will receive their GreenFleet member number and can instantly access program benefits. Members can simply purchase online at JohnDeere.com/BuyOnline or by visiting a local John Deere dealer.

To find out more about GreenFleet Loyalty Rewards, visit JohnDeere.com/FarmBureau.

## Deere discounts

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# Farmers invited to apply for FB Argentina/Brazil 'issues tour'

The Illinois Farm Bureau's 2018 Issues Tour, Factors Affecting Competitiveness: Assessing South American Agriculture and Improving our Own, will visit Argentina/Brazil January 27 through February 4, 2018.

The objectives of the 2018 tour are to see how and where South American producers are out-competing American farmers, determine major factors enhancing South American competitiveness (infrastructure,

R&D, biofuels and regulatory processes), and develop effective leaders willing to be active spokespersons on those issues at the state and national level.

Participants from around Illinois will be chosen by the Illinois Farm Bureau through an application process. IFB's deadline for applications is Monday, November 13 at 4:00 p.m. The application is located on IFB's website at: [http://www.ilfb.org/ifb-news-and-events/conferences-events/2018-ifb-issues-](http://www.ilfb.org/ifb-news-and-events/conferences-events/2018-ifb-issues-tour-to-argentinabrazil.aspx)

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Airfare, meals, ground transportation, and 8 nights lodging are covered in the Issues Tour fee of \$2500. Kane County Farm Bureau will provide a minimum of \$1500 toward that fee for qualified applicants, with the remainder coming from the participant. Participants are also responsible for incidental expenses (passport fee, VISA for Brazil, phone calls, souvenirs, etc.). Additional requirements include pre-trip briefings and post-trip presenta-

tions and media interviews.

Due to the small size of this tour program, no prior participants in an IFB market study or issues tour will qualify to apply for the 2018 tour.

For more information, on the tour or application process, contact Steve Arnold at 630-584-8660 or tour coordinator Tamara Nelsen at [tnelsen@ilfb.org](mailto:tnelsen@ilfb.org) or 309-557-3112.

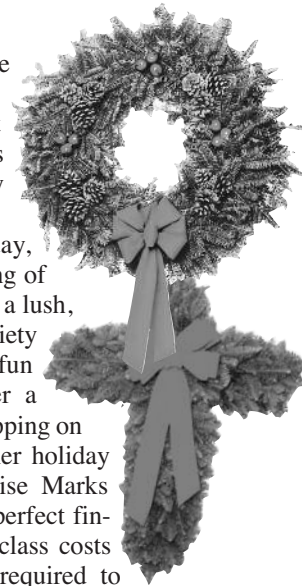
## Make-and-Take Wreath Workshop

Join Kane County Farm Bureau on Monday, December 4th at 10 am for a make-and-take wreath making class with expert Denise Marks. Choose to create a 24" wreath, cross, or



candy cane out of freshly cut evergreen leaves. The class costs only \$30 to attend; payment is due at time of reservation. We accept Visa, Master Card, and Discover payments.

There is nothing more festive than the smell of fresh evergreens during the holiday season, why not bring the scent into your home with real wreath or cross you made yourself? The Kane County Farm Bureau is offering of a "make and take" wreath making class on Monday, December 4th at 10 am. Join in a morning of fun and merriment as we gather to create a lush, traditional, evergreen wreath using a variety of fresh greens, pinecones, and other fun decorations. Learn how to put together a 24" wreath, cross, or candy cane while sipping on flavored coffee and socializing with other holiday enthusiasts. Wreath-making expert Denise Marks will be demonstrating how to make the perfect finishing touch to any holiday décor. The class costs \$30, which includes all the materials required to make a wreath or cross to take home. This is a great class to share with friends to get into the holiday spirit!



The class is by reservation only, and on a first come first serve basis. Mail in registration form with your check or call the office at (630) 584-8660 to pay with credit card. Please indicate whether you would like to make a cross or a wreath when you reserve your spot.

Want a handmade wreath but have no time to take the class? No problem! The Kane County Farm Bureau is taking pre-orders for fresh, handmade evergreen wreaths, crosses, candy canes and garland directly from Marks' Christmas Tree Farm located in DeSoto, Wisconsin. The price for a 24" wreath or an evergreen cross is \$20. A 36" wreath costs only \$35 and garland is just \$2 per foot (minimum of 25ft). PAYMENT IS DUE WITH ORDER. You can order by filling out the form and sending it in with your check, or call the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 and pay with a Visa, MasterCard or Discover. The deadline to place an order is 4:30PM on Friday, November 17th and items will be ready for pick up any time after Monday, November 27th at 10am during normal business hours (8:30am - 4:30pm).

### Marks' Christmas Tree Farm Holiday Decorations

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Make-And-Take Wreath Workshop (\$30)

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a (cross, candy cane or wreath) \_\_\_\_\_

Please include payment with registration. Deadline is Nov. 24

#### No time for the class?

Pre-order your Fresh, handmade evergreen wreaths, crosses, candy canes, and garland instead!

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 24" Wreath(s) for \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Evergreen Cross(es) for \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Candy Cane for \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ 36" Wreath(s) for \$35

\_\_\_\_\_ ft. of Garland (min. 25 feet) for \$2/foot

Mail to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174 or call 630-584-8660. Call the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 to pay with a Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

DEADLINE FOR PRE-ORDERING IS

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### IS THAT A GRAIN BIN OR A SILO? HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE

By Valerie Johnson



When was the last time you took a drive down a country road in rural Kane County – maybe to enjoy a scenic "short cut" or to visit your friend in the country. You probably passed the large grain bins or silos visible from the side of the road. But what are they really called – grain bins or silos? What is even inside them? Well, don't bother asking Siri or stop to call your friend from the country, here is how you can tell. There is a difference between the two and what they hold inside, and the

explanation is quite simple for those of us who are not farm detail inclined.

#### Silo

Silos serve sort of like a coffee thermos (yum, coffee). They are tall, skinny, they hold in moisture with a tight seal. Silos often are blue or the color of concrete. They traditionally store silage, which is grass or other fodder harvested green and wet, primarily to feed cattle.

#### Grain Bin

Grain Bins are structures made of vented, silver, or corru-

gated steel. They are fatter in diameter than silos and have varying heights. They generally store dry corn and soybeans and are designed to keep moisture out. The product can be sold for feed, food and fuel use.

So, that's it! Now that you know the difference, revisit a Sunday afternoon drive to enjoy seeing the beautiful rural farms in Kane County, and find the same structures you had once found before – but this time with more knowledge of what you are viewing. Take a moment to pull over and get a photo of these structures, and comment on what you spotted on your drive - Grain Bin or Silo! Post to our Facebook page using the tag #silo or #grainbin. Let's fill Kane County Farm Bureau's Facebook site up with posts of local silos and grain bins this November!

## 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 Kaufman Turkey Farms in nearby Waterman, Ill. 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.

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- KCFB members: \$2.96/lb.
- Non-members: \$3.41/lb.

Order yours by Friday, Nov. 17 by calling Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 or mail 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). Pick-up is at Kane County Farm Bureau on Tuesday, November 21, in time for your Thanksgiving dinner!

*"I use my PLUS membership to save more on a fresh, local turkey. It tastes awesome and more than makes up the extra \$10 in just one purchase."*  
— Alan from St. Charles

### Kane County Farm Bureau – Fresh Thanksgiving Turkeys

# of turkey(s). Requested weight(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS Friday, NOVEMBER 17.**  
Payment is due at pickup at the Farm Bureau on Tuesday, November 21, Noon-4pm

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Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Illinois Ag in the Classroom announces grants to counties

The Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) program is proud to announce Kane County Farm Bureau is funded \$8,696.28 for the 2017-2018 School Year. Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom based these grants to counties off the 2016-2017 year-end reports.

In 2016-2017, the Illinois AITC program reached 661,797 students with a message about agriculture. Additionally, 40,634 teachers and 1,144 pre-service teachers learned how to incorporate agriculture into their existing curriculum while meeting state learning standards.

Kevin Daugherty, Education Director for the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom program said, "County level programs are the biggest strength of our IAITC efforts. Illinois has the benefit of local contacts that provide content knowledge and easy strategies

for teachers to utilize. The county programs work to integrate agriculture into existing classroom curriculum."

"Kane County AITC reached thousands of children, teachers and general public through the SPROUTS, AG Days, and Touch a Tractor programs. We held 2 summer classes for teachers, as well as an Institute Day class to help teachers learn how to integrate agriculture into their curriculums."

County Coalition Grants are made possible through funding from the IAA Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau. The IAA Foundation raises funds for the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom program each year, and in addition to county grants, provides funding for Ag Mags, teacher grants, Summer Ag Institutes and more.

"Thanks to the work of local ag literacy coordinators, backed by the generosity of our individual and industry contributors, the IAA Foundation is able to award an all-time high of \$625,500 in grants to 77 coalitions across the state," said Susan Moore, Director of the IAA Foundation. "These funds will boost local ag literacy efforts in both rural and urban communities throughout Illinois," she continued.

Partner organizations of

the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom program include Illinois Farm Bureau, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE), University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Corn Growers, Illinois Pork Producers, Illinois

Soybean Association, Midwest Dairy Association, Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. In addition, annual donors include many agribusiness partners and event participants with an interest in supporting the future

of agriculture. More information on the IAA Foundation can be found at [www.iaa.foundation.org](http://www.iaa.foundation.org)

For more information on Agriculture in the Classroom in your county, contact Suzi at 630-584-8660 or log on to [www.agintheclassroom.org](http://www.agintheclassroom.org).

## AG LITERACY CORNER

By Suzi Myers



November is here ... that time of the year when the clocks have been turned back an hour, the trees are mostly devoid of leaves, the animals prepare for winter and we gather together

with family and friends around our tables to give thanks for all our blessings.

My mind is full of things to say about the things I am thankful for; however, I know I can't

relay to you my thoughts as eloquently as the Iroquois words in the prayer below.

I would add that I'm thankful for the many people in my life that enrich it in so many ways ... without you, my life would be very lonely and not half as joyful or interesting. A big thanks to you all.

May you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving, full of the many bounties of our world ... may we safeguard these wonders for our children.

## A Thanksgiving Prayer

*We return thanks to our mother, the earth, which sustains us.*

*We return thanks to the rivers and streams, which supply us with water.*

*We return thanks to all herbs, which furnish medicines for the cure of our diseases.*

*We return thanks to the moon and stars, which have given to us their light when the sun was gone.*

*We return thanks to the sun, that has looked upon the earth with a beneficent eye.*

*Lastly, we return thanks to the Great Spirit,*

*in Whom is embodied all goodness, and Who directs all things for the good of Her children.*

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## Book of the month

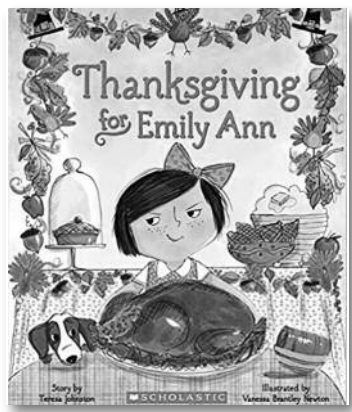
Celebrate Thanksgiving in this sweet, rhyming story all about family and togetherness.

Emily Ann doesn't like Thanksgiving, not one bit. Everyone is too busy preparing for the feast to have any time for her. Grandpa is sleeping in her bed, so she has to sleep on the floor. Nothing seems to be going right for her. But, when she decides to play a trick on the family and hide the turkey, she discovers that she IS really a part of the holiday and that she's thankful for her family.

With charming illustrations by Vanessa Brantley-Newton, this is a book about Thanksgiving that each child should read or have read to them. The book makes it clear, in a very simple and childlike way, that the holiday is a celebration of family and friends being together."

This is only one of the chil-

dren's book concerning Thanksgiving that is available for check out from our agricultural library here at the KCFB. Our library began due to a request years ago by Bob Konen and Dean Dunn. We have an ever growing selection of titles. Feel free to come in to browse in our library and to check out books of interest.



Thanksgiving for Emily Ann by Teresa Johnston

## Thanks to our Donors...

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# Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Suzi Myers



From turf to touchdowns - ag is a team player

## Football and agriculture

### Pork

Gelatins & fats are in plastics to make shoulder pads and helmets. Fatty acids are in the dye to make ball caps and t-shirts. Pork is in the hot dogs we enjoy at the stadium.

### Cotton

Pants, socks, and shirts are made out of cotton. The money that we use to purchase the tickets to the game and concessions is 70% cotton.

### Dairy

Can be found in the cheese for the nachos, milk, ice cream, yogurt, and most things you purchase at the concession stand.

### Corn

Used in many deodorants. Corn syrup makes pop sweet and white corn makes your nachos. Ethanol can be found in your car's fuel.

### Soybeans

Helps fuel buses with soybean biodiesel. Soy ink can be used on programs, tickets, and newspapers.

### Beef

Leather from cows is found on the footballs, in the shoes, and by-products are found in tape and bandages. Of course, beef is in hamburgers and some hotdogs from the concession stands.

### Turf grass

Condition of grass makes all the difference. It must be dense, thick sod that can withstand impact and grow back quickly after being damaged.

## Football Humor

What tea do football players drink? Penaltea

What is the difference between Cheerios and a football team?

Cheerios belong in a Bowl

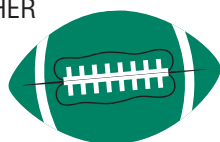
What lights up a football stadium? A football match

Why did the football coach go to the bank? To get his quarter-back

## Football

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## A brief history of football

During the Middle Ages people started to play football. Back then, it was called "townball" and everyone including men, women and children played. Teams consisted of around 200 players. Games usually lasted all day with many injured and some dead. Tired of these injuries, organizers moved the games to a field outside of town, set up with boundary lines, goal lines, and a reduced number of players on the field.

Around the 19th century, football made its way to the United States. Football was a blend of soccer and rugby. Egg-shaped balls were now being used. Length of the playing field was now 100 yards. There were two 30-minute periods, in which to play the game.

## Football Facts...and an Illinois connection to football

- Footballs are 11" long and the distance around the football is 28"
- The first football was round
- Players are assigned certain numbers depending on the position they play
- For each play there are 22 players on the field
- 3,000 cows supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs
- A pig's bladder was inflated and used as the ball during early football games
- President Theodore Roosevelt helped develop rules to make the game safer
- Players used to grow their hair long enough to pin it in a bun on top of their head for protection
- The official size of a football field is 120 yards long and 53 yards, 1 foot wide
- 12 new footballs are delivered to officials 2 hours before start of the game. They are marked with a K and used for kicking only.
- Modern Fantasy Football can be traced back to Wilfred "Bill" Winkenbach, a partner in Oakland Raiders.
- Goal posts are 10 feet (3 meters) high
- The Green Bay Packers won the first Super Bowl with a 35-10 win over the Kansas City Chiefs on January 15, 1967.
- The Minnesota Vikings and the San Francisco 49ers hold the each hold the record for most fumbles in a season with 50.

### Illinois Connections to Football:

1. John Riddell of the John

2. The last NFL player to play in a game without a helmet was Dick Plasman of the 1940 Chicago Bears.
3. Since 1941 Wilson Sporting Goods, has been the official ball maker for the NFL.
4. Bloomington, Illinois was the home of the Corn Bowl for 8 years. In 1947 the Hybrid Seed Corn Breeders of Illinois co-sponsored the game that was billed as the Greatest Thanksgiving Event in the Mid-West. The Corn Bowl never attracted more than 8,000 spectators. The final Corn Bowl was held in 1955.

## Football craft and crafty football bites

This football craft project requires very little in the way of materials and can be completed by almost any age group.

### Materials Needed:

Brown paper; newspaper, shredded; white yarn; white paint; scissors; hole punch

### Directions:

First shred up several pieces of newspaper. Don't be afraid of child labor - just make sure to clean those hands off afterwards! You'll need quite a bit of stuffing for each football you are making. Fold brown paper in half. Draw your own large oval to use as a template, then draw onto the folded paper.

Cut both ovals out at the

same time because you are going to be lacing the two pieces together and you want them to match up.

Punch holes around the perimeter of the football. You can space them however you would like but make sure not to punch too close to the edge.

Tie the yarn around one of the holes to start. Next, thread white yarn through the holes, making sure to stop before it is completely threaded.

Stuff the football with shredded newspaper until the football is full.

Finish threading the yarn through the remaining holes and tie off.

Cut off the remaining yarn and tuck inside.

Paint the lacing on football with the white paint. Let dry and then your ball is ready for action.

### FOOTBALL BITES

Recipe from Mom On Timeout  
 INGREDIENTS:

favorite crackers (I used TownHouse because of their size/shape)  
 summer sausage, sliced thin (about 1/8" thick)  
 block of cheddar cheese, sliced very thin (about 1/8" thick)  
 ranch dressing

### Prep tools

1 small, rinsed-out aluminum can (like from green chiles), or a small round cookie cutter or football shaped cutter.

1 Ziploc bag, or frosting bag

### Directions

On a sturdy cutting board, use the aluminum can (or cookie cutter) to shape the cheddar and summer sausage pieces into individual "football" shapes. Then assemble the football "bites", by layering cheddar and summer sausage atop the crackers.

Finally, pour some ranch dressing into a Ziploc bag, and then use scissors to snip a very small triangle from one of the bottom corners. Pipe the dressing onto the cheddar to complete the football bites.

## November is...

### National

- Diabetes Month
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- Adoption Month
- Georgia Pecan Month
- Good Nutrition Month
- Peanut Butter Lover's Month

### 4th Thursday:

- Thanksgiving Day
- National Turkey Day
- National Stuffing Day

### 4th Friday:

- National Leftovers Day
- Veterans Day
- November 11
- National Pickle Day
- November 14
- Homemade Bread Day
- November 17
- Eat a Cranberry Day
- November 23
- National Cake Day
- November 26
- National French Toast Day
- November 28

## Congratulations

**Carol Jean Kujak**, whose name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search Puzzle. For her participation, she receives a bag of Pumpkin based products! 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.

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# 4-H invites youth to join 4-H clubs

4-H youth development programs provide hands-on learning activities for youth in Illinois and throughout the country. 4-H youth programs focus on leadership, citizenship and life skills. While our roots are found in agriculture, youth do not need to live on a farm to join 4-H.

Every county in Illinois has a 4-H program which is operated through University of Illinois Extension. 4-H club membership is open to youth aged 8 to 18. Youth 5 to 7 years of age may join the 4-H Cloverbud program. Kane County currently has 18 community 4-H clubs and two Cloverbud Clubs.

Below:

Members of the Kaneville Classics 4-H Club serving ice cream at the Kane County Fair. Left to right: Josh Childress, Hayden Ragatz, Sarah Bjorkman, Owen Ragatz and Erica Johnson.

The County's 23 4-H Clubs take turns serving ice cream throughout Fair Week.

There are several ways to participate in 4-H. Youth may join 4-H clubs, coordinated by local screened adult volunteers. Each club decides how often it meets, the location of its meetings and the activities held during the meeting. Members may select from dozens of project areas to study while they build leadership, teamwork, cooperation, decision-making and communication skills.

Youth may also choose to focus on a very specific project area and join a club specifically related to that one project. Robotics, photography, gardening, visual arts, and nutrition,

are just a few of the popular topics for special interest clubs.

One may also participate in 4-H through short term projects held during school or at after school youth organizations. Some of these popular groups teach youth about caring for the environment, preparing for a career, making healthy choices or other priority issues which build a person's life skills.

To learn more about 4-H and enroll your child in a local club, email: Doris Braddock, 4-H Program Coordinator, at [dbradoc@illinois.edu](mailto:dbradoc@illinois.edu)



Above: Kaneville Classics 4-Hers Erica Johnson and Sarah Bjorkman helped promote farm safety by placing "START SEEING FARMERS" tractor signs, provided by Kane County Farm Bureau at various locations in rural Kane County.



## Christmas Tree discount for KCFB members



Marks' Tree Farm, which has been doing business in St. Charles for 3 decades, will again establish 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.

**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 toy tractors, and a selection of meat, poultry, BBQ spice, pecans and more!



The Christmas tree farmer, Harold Marks, originally from Clintonville, WI began his career as an 18 year old. He sold his first trees in Waukegan, IL and made a large profit for a youngster. He returned each holiday season until the area became too crowded and he moved his sales location to the St. Charles area. He and his wife currently reside in their home in La Crosse,

WI near the Mississippi River. We are looking forward to seeing them and their trees again beginning on Thanksgiving.



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# Kane County corn maze thanks farmers

*Farmweeknow.com*

Kim and Wade Kuipers know their way around corn mazes. After all, they've been installing them on their Kuipers Family Farm near Maple Park for years.

A 6-acre corn canvas this season took on new meaning as the Kane County Farm Bureau members participated in Culver's Thank You Farmers program.

"We are members of The MAiZE (a Utah-based company). Culver's reached out to them," said Kim. "We have a maze every year. I help come up with the design. Then The MAiZE crew maps it on the computer. They come out before the corn is knee-high and spray the paths.

"This (Thank You Farmers) is a great partnership. It helps the FFA program. Our son was in FFA, and this is near to our hearts."

Culver's worked with 12

farmers in 12 states this year to install the Thank You Farmers corn mazes. The effort involved sowing more than 4 million seeds on 100-plus acres to show appreciation for the hard work farmers do to feed the world. The Thank You Farmers program also raises money to assist local FFA chapters with ag education efforts and helps students attend the National FFA Convention.

Guests who visit the Kuipers' apple, pumpkin, Christmas tree and wedding venue farm can take an easy path through the maze or play a game. This year's game involves securing a passport with 10 questions. Numbered signs direct participants who provide correct answers through the maze.

The Kuipers will eventually harvest the maze. To learn more about the maze and farm, visit Kuipers Family Farm on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kuipersfamilyfarm](http://www.facebook.com/kuipersfamilyfarm).



Kuipers Family Farm near Maple Park features a 6-acre Culver's Thank You Farmers corn maze. Visitors to the Kane County farm can walk the maze and play a game. The attraction is part of Culver's Thank You Farmers program, which raises money to assist local FFA chapters. (Photo courtesy of Kuipers Family Farm/Culver's)

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representatives.countryfinancial.com/ashraf.gerges. Congratulations, Ashraf!

## Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager

Greg LeBeau, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for September 2017. Greg began his career with COUNTRY Financial in October of 1987 and services clients out of his office located at: 1920 Wilson Street, Batavia, 60510 (630) 406-6900. Greg's professionalism and vast knowledge of auto, home, life, and commercial products make him a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Greg!

# Hurricane Irma relief

Following up on their September contribution to the Hurricane Harvey relief fund established by the Texas Farm Bureau, The KCFB Board of Directors approved a motion in October for a similar contribution to help farmers and ranchers in Florida recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Irma. Action on relief for victims of Hurricane Irma in Puerto Rico was put on hold pending identification of the most appropriate agency to administer relief funds for farmer-victims of the storm.

The contribution for relief efforts in Florida will be delivered to the Florida Farm Bureau Disaster Relief Fund. Florida Farm Bureau estimated through early unofficial report a range of 50-90% losses to Florida's citrus industry.

Farm Bureau members who would like to make a donation to farm-based relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Irma in Florida can send them to: Florida Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 147030, Gainesville, FL, 32614. For more information, visit FloridaFarmBureau.org.

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Featuring four national parks! Other highlights include: A night in Las Vegas and enjoy the laser magic of the Fremont Street Experience; 2 nights inside Grand Canyon National Park at the fabulous North Rim; visits to Natural Bridges Monument and Capital; Vermillion Cliffs and a scenic cruise on Lake Powell and a visit to Glen Canyon Dam; travel along Utah's scenic Highway 12 through Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument; Zion National Park – 9 days of America the beautiful!

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Other tour highlights include: A visit to three National Parks, the U.S Air Force Academy and the Garden of the Gods. This escorted tour covers the very best of Colorado!

Not ready to commit? Please join us on Thursday, November 16 at the Kane County Farm Bureau at 6:00 pm for a travel preview. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and hear more information with a tour guide! Food and beverages will be provided.

Please R.S.V.P to Kane County Farm Bureau or for more information call: 630-584-8660.

# Ford offer for 1st responders, military

For the first time ever, active Military, Military Retiree's, recent Veterans, and First Responders can combine their \$500 Bonus Cash with their Farm Bureau \$500 Bonus Cash!! This is a limited time offer for current and new Farm Bureau members. This savings will apply to purchasing or leasing 2016/2017/2018 Ford and Lincoln vehicles, some

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With fall in full swing and winter around the corner, this is the perfect example of how to take advantage of the savings provided by joining the Kane County Farm Bureau. Membership is only \$20

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# 31 Days of Christmas? Ticket sales end November 30!

Give your family and friends something for Christmas NOW – to look forward to the whole month of December – with a ticket for the Kane County Farm Bureau’s “31 Days of Christmas” raffle.

Tickets for the Foundation’s annual raffle to support college scholarships and ag literacy programs are only available through November 30. The unique “31 days of Christmas” raffle allows

ticket holders the chance to win a prize every day for the whole month of December, AND the opportunity to win more than one prize. All prizes are valued at \$200 to \$500.

Winning numbers are determined by an exact match of the winning evening Pick 3 Illinois Lottery number for that day. Prizes include a wide variety of outdoor favorites including kayaks, coolers, hunting and camping gear, and much more! Winners will receive a Cabela’s gift card in the exact value of the prize. So if that 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 sporting goods.

Tickets are only available until November 30th for \$20 each. Purchase tickets with your lucky number(s) now by completing the form below, or by calling the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660. Ticket numbers are first come, first served. If we cannot meet your request, ticket number(s) will be assigned at random.

All proceeds benefit the charitable and educational programs of the KCFB Foundation. Visit [www.kanecfb.com](http://www.kanecfb.com) for more details.

*Reserve your lucky numbers now in the KCFB Foundation’s “31 Days of Christmas” Scholarship Raffle. It offers thousands of dollars in prizes and you can choose your prize with a Cabela’s gift card good for the value of the prize!*



## 31 Days of Christmas RAFFLE

**Tickets \$20 each.**  
**With every prize valued at \$129.99 or more there's over \$10,000 in prizes available. A different prize available every day with multiple chances to win!**

|     |                                       |          |
|-----|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 1.  | Cast Iron Sportman Grill              | \$129.99 |
| 2.  | TLR/Prestige Plus Fly Combo           | \$179.00 |
| 3.  | Warn Vantage Winch                    | \$285.99 |
| 4.  | Primos Scar Deer Decoy                | \$189.00 |
| 5.  | Guardian Tent – 6-Person              | \$349.00 |
| 6.  | Camp Chef Big Gas III Grill           | \$249.99 |
| 7.  | Shimano® Stradic Spinning Reel        | \$229.99 |
| 8.  | Yeti Marine Cooler                    | \$349.99 |
| 9.  | Icom M73 Marine Radio                 | \$199.99 |
| 10. | GoPro Hero05                          | \$399.99 |
| 11. | Minn Kota Endura Trolling Motor       | \$229.99 |
| 12. | Big Game Two-Man Ladderstand          | \$199.99 |
| 13. | Stoeger Over Under Shotgun            | \$449.99 |
| 14. | Masterbuilt Vertical Gas Smoker       | \$249.99 |
| 15. | Aqua-Yu AV Uderwater Camera           | \$249.99 |
| 16. | Aqua Hydros Kayak w/Paddle            | \$149.99 |
| 17. | Bounty Hunter® Metal Detector         | \$329.99 |
| 18. | Cabela’s XPG Snowshoes                | \$229.99 |
| 19. | Claim Outdoors Thermal Ice Shelter    | \$349.99 |
| 20. | Nikon Monarch 5 10x42 Binoculars      | \$329.99 |
| 21. | Knives of Alaska Combo                | \$240.99 |
| 22. | FireDisc 36” Heat Ring Outdoor Cooker | \$399.99 |
| 23. | 5-in-1 Sleeping Bag                   | \$279.99 |
| 24. | Ameristep Ground Blind                | \$189.99 |
| 25. | Cabela’s Gift Card                    | \$475.00 |
| 26. | 10’ Tangerine Bali Sit-On Kayak       | \$229.99 |
| 27. | Bushnell Trophy Spotting Scope        | \$299.99 |
| 28. | Cabela’s Men’s Series Hooded Parka    | \$299.99 |
| 29. | Landmann Mountain View Fire Pit       | \$259.99 |
| 30. | Oakley’s Shooting Glasses             | \$200.00 |
| 31. | Ameristep Ground Blind                | \$189.99 |

### 31 Days of Christmas SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets    Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Mail to above address    Mail to: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Visa MC # \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

*A scholarship fundraising activity of the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation*

## 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 of 2011. His office is located at 541 N. Lake Street, Aurora. As a token of our appreciation, Felipe

receives two tickets to Charlestowne Movie Theater. Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations.

## Holiday Product Order Form

Citrus, Nuts, Cheese, 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 **Friday, Nov. 17, 2017. Pickup is Wednesday, December 13, 2017** 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: Friday, November 17, 2017**  
**Questions? Call 630-584-8660**

PICKUP TIME: Wednesday, December 13, 2017  
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

| QTY   |   | PRICE      |             |                      |
|---|---|------------|-------------|----------------------|
|   |   | Non-Member | KCFB Member | KCFB Plus (+) Member |
| <b>CITRUS</b>                                     |   |            |             |                      |
| _____   | GRAPEFRUIT (RED) 2/5 BUSHEL   | \$22.00    | \$19.00     | \$17.00              |
| _____   | GRAPEFRUIT (RED) 4/5 BUSHEL   | \$35.00    | \$30.00     | \$27.00              |
| _____   | NAVEL ORANGES 2/5 BUSHEL  | \$26.00    | \$22.50     | \$20.50              |
| _____   | NAVEL ORANGES 4/5 BUSHEL  | \$45.00    | \$39.00     | \$35.00              |
| _____   | TRIO PACK 2/5 BU.<br>18-20 Navel oranges, 4 Grapefruit, 10 Red Delicious apples                             | \$36.00    | \$31.00     | \$28.00              |
| _____   | GRAND SLAM PACK<br>6 Red Delicious Apples, 6 Di’Anjou pears, 3 Golden Delicious apples, 18-20 navel oranges | \$36.00    | \$31.00     | \$28.00              |
| <b>CHEESE GIFT BOXES</b> (10 oz. of each cheese)  |   |            |             |                      |
| _____   | BOX “A”, Mild Cheddar, Swiss, Longhorn, Calico  | \$25.00    | \$21.50     | \$19.50              |
| _____   | BOX “B”, Mild Cheddar, Swiss, Calico, 5 oz. sausage   | \$24.00    | \$20.50     | \$18.50              |
| _____   | BOX “C”, Longhorn, Mild Brick, Mild Cheddar, 12 oz. sausage   | \$26.50    | \$23.50     | \$21.00              |
| _____   | BOX “D”, Calico, Mild Cheddar, Swiss, Colby, Gouda, two 5 oz. sausage                                       | \$32.00    | \$27.50     | \$25.00              |
| <b>NUTS</b>                                       |   |            |             |                      |
| _____   | PEANUTS – 16 OZ. SKINLESS CAN   | \$6.00     | \$ 5.00     | \$ 4.50              |
| _____   | HONEY KRUNCH PEANUTS - 12 OZ. CAN   | \$ 5.00    | \$ 4.50     | \$ 4.00              |
| _____   | PECAN HALVES – 16 OZ. BAG   | \$12.00    | \$10.50     | \$ 9.50              |
| _____   | MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED PECANS 12 OZ. CAN  | \$11.50    | \$10.00     | \$ 9.00              |
| _____   | MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED PEANUTS 12 OZ CAN  | \$6.00     | \$5.00      | \$4.50               |
| _____   | HONEY ROASTED PEACAS 9OZ  | \$9.00     | \$10.00     | \$8.00               |
| _____   | MILK CHOCOLATE PECAN CLUSTERS 9 OZ BOX  | \$8.50     | \$ 7.50     | \$6.50               |
| _____   | DARK CHOCOLATE SEA SALT CARAMELS 8 OZ BOX   | \$8.50     | \$7.50      | \$6.50               |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>                              |   |            |             |                      |
| _____   | POPCORN, YELLOW 2 LB BAG  | \$ 3.50    | \$ 3.00     | \$ 2.50              |
| _____   | BBQ SPICE, 12 OZ. SHAKER JAR  | \$11.00    | \$ 9.50     | \$ 8.50              |
| <b>MEAT – 5 LB BOX</b> (all individually wrapped) |   |            |             |                      |
| _____   | BOURBON SIRLOIN STEAKS, 8 OZ.   | \$47.00    | \$41.00     | \$37.00              |
| _____   | PORK CHOPS 8 OZ, SEASONED W/BONE  | \$30.00    | \$25.00     | \$24.00              |
| _____   | PORK CHOPS 8 OZ, SEASONED BONELESS  | \$30.00    | \$25.00     | \$24.00              |
| _____   | PORK CHOPS 10 OZ, SEASONED BONELESS   | \$30.00    | \$25.00     | \$24.00              |
| _____   | CHICKEN BREASTS   | \$30.00    | \$25.00     | \$24.00              |
| _____   | GROUND BEEF PATTIES   | \$30.00    | \$25.00     | \$24.00              |
| _____   | LEMON ROSEMARY PORK ROAST /QTY 3, 24 OZ PER BOX   | \$23.00    | \$19.00     | \$17.00              |
| _____   | <b>TOTAL # ITEMS ORDERED</b>  |            |             |                      |
| _____   | <b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>   |            |             |                      |