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IFB building on NLRs grant successes for third year

Illinois Farm Bureau envisions more best management practices implemented on more acres, and more farmers knowledgeable about those practices and the applicability in their part of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs).

For a third year, the IFB Board is investing \$100,000 in the Nutrient Stewardship Grant program for county Farm Bureaus to implement local nutrient, soil-health and water-quality projects.

The grant application period will close Oct. 31.

Illinois farmers continue to implement practices referenced in the statewide NLRs, said Lyndsey Ramsey, IFB associate director of natural and environmental resources.

Recently, the biennial NLRs report from the Illinois Department of Agriculture and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) highlighted progress made by farmers and the agricultural community, but Ramsey warned farmers can't rest on their laurels.

"The state agencies were pleased, but that doesn't mean we're done. Illinois Farm Bureau and its farmer members have the opportunity to continue building on our efforts," she said.

In its first two years, the grant program received great local participation. In 2016, 30 county Farm Bureaus and 77 local partners launched 15 projects in 32 counties. 2017 saw 18 projects in 22 counties by coun-

ty Farm Bureaus and 56 local partners.

The grant projects need county Farm Bureau leadership, which may involve county managers, county Farm Bureau directors, Young Leaders or another county Farm Bureau committee, Ramsey noted. "We want to help farmers be at the table for meaningful conserva-

tion and environmental discussions," she said.

Kane County Farm Bureau will host a meeting on member ideas for a local grant application on October 12 at 5:00pm. Any member is welcome to discuss ideas for local projects and programs that can contribute to reductions in nutrient losses from farm fields.

"These projects take time and management. County Farm Bureaus shouldn't feel they have to do it all by themselves," Ramsey said. "We will be your partner and help along the way."

For more information, visit ilfb.org/NLRs. Applications will be accepted only online. Award announcements will be made Dec. 6.

KCFB to host meeting on a local grant application, October 12 at 5:00

KCFB members in the news

Lehrer featured in *Illinois Farmer Today*

Big Rock farmers Donna and Scott Lehrer were featured



Donna and Scott Lehrer

recently in "Illinois Farmer Today." The article discussed farmers dealing with health challenges and the work of Agri-Ability Unlimited in Illinois in helping meet those challenges through adapted equipment and with the use of the Illinois Assistive Technology Program.

Donna Lehrer serves as a Director for the Kane County Farm Bureau. The article, "Helping Hands get Small Farm Through Health Challenges" can be found online at *Illinois Farmer Today*.

Norris' Spring Bluff Nursery featured in *Northwest Quarterly*

Farm Bureau member Tim Norris and family are sixth generation farmers and were featured recently in the fall edition of "Northwest Quarterly" magazine. The article "Life on a (continued on page 2)

Roskam talks (farm) shop with local FB leaders



(L-R, foreground) US 6th District Congressman Peter Roskam discusses farm issues with farm shop host and KCFB Secretary/Treasurer Mike Kenyon of South Elgin and County Board Ag Committee Chairman T.R. Smith of Burlington as KCFB President Joe White of Elburn looks on. Roskam's farm shop visit focused on tax and fiscal issues, including tax reform and health care/health insurance cost and coverage.

Safety treats 'assembly' October 11 You're invited

No experience necessary! Members are invited to assist in farm safety awareness by helping us place crafty labels on their appropriate candies on Wednesday, October 11 from 10:30-2:00. A free lunch will be provided.

An event exclusive to the Women's Committee in the past, this year is open to all. We will gather in the KCFB

conference room and all volunteers wanting to make a difference in Farm Safety Awareness are welcome.

Volunteers are encouraged to take home boxes of the assembled candies after the event to their places of (Farm related) employment or where farmers frequent to spread the word. Be a Smartie® and please

RSVP by Oct. 9.

Farm Safety Awareness

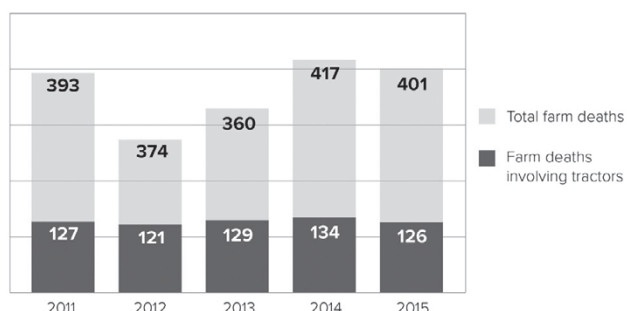
Farm tractors continue to evolve as our growing population demands higher farm productivity. With this evolution has come a priority on worker protection and personal safety. The farming occupation is inherently dangerous. Frequent contact with tractors, machinery, tools, animals, and extreme working conditions place farmers under substantial risk of injury.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 750 farm workers are accidentally killed each year. More than half of these fatalities are tractor related.



Death by Tractor

Farming is one of the deadliest professions in America, and tractor accidents are a leading cause, accounting for about one-third of farm fatalities every year.



DATES TO REMEMBER October

- October 5**
Board of Directors, 7:30 pm
- October 6-7**
Family Portraits
- October 9**
WELCOME Marty Keltner
- October 11**
Farm Safety Treats Assembly w/Lunch, 10:30 am
- October 12**
NLRs Grant Discussion, 5 pm
- October 19**
Ag Committee, CAB, 10:00 am
- October 6-31**
Fall Harvest Decoration Sale

October Featured Product Bratwurst

Back by popular demand and just in time for tail gate season! The special for October is Bratwurst. This box contains 20 award winning bratwurst. We are selling each delicious box for \$23 for PLUS members, \$24 for KCFB members and \$26 for non-members. Fire up the grill and grab a box! Available during the month of October or while supply lasts.

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KCFB Board meeting review

The meeting was called to order by Joe White, President, in the conference room of the KCFB on Thursday, September 7, 2017. The Agenda was approved and Directors reviewed a consent agenda of minutes, membership and financial reports and other items related to the Association's operations.

Directors gave their monthly reports. Among the items discussed were a proposed new policy on Dairy Insurance, Beef sales to Korea and a recent organizational action request for calls to President Trump on that trade issue, processing capacity and supply management by milk processors and upcoming IFB officer elections.

Directors agreed to terms for a potential lease extension on a communications site on FB property, approved minor landscaping and building improvements and reviewed correspondence regarding audit/tax services and property taxes. November's meeting date was changed from November 2 to the 9th.

White appointed Directors Schneider, Pitstick and Carlson to join him as delegates to the IFB Annual Meeting in December, to vote on resolutions on local, state and national public policies and elect Directors and leadership for the Illinois Farm Bureau. Others who attend will be designated as alternate delegates.

Arnold reported on administrative matters including a staff vacancy and job posting; IT

issues; media requests; annual report deadlines and a new Crop Insurance Margin Protection product.

Directors discussed damages caused by Hurricane Harvey and approved a motion to donate \$500 to the Texas Farm Bureau 'Harvey Relief Fund'.

The Board heard reports from the most recent meetings of the County Board, KC Forest Preserve District, County Ag Committee and the Stormwater Ag Subcommittee, which meets next on September 12. There were no reports of Farmland Protection, Regional Planning or Zoning issues or meetings. A report of a recent Fox Valley Sustainability Network meeting on water quality issues was given.

Directors learned of contributions to the KCFB Foundation in August including \$3,413 from Buck Bros. of Hampshire, raised at a July 25 charity golf outing for KCFB Foundation Scholarships.

An Action Request to sign the WOTUS petition was circulated. Directors who attended an August 9 Farm Shop meeting at the Kenyon farm in South Elgin gave a report of Congressman Peter Roskam's remarks on tax reform.

A written report of month Ag-in-the-Classroom activities was distributed. Young Farmer events including a display at the National Night Out and a September 20 'Meet & Greet' at the Kane County Country Market were discussed. Arnold also reported on the August 2

Appreciation and Farewell luncheon for the KCFB Women's Committee.

Correspondence from the IFB Office of General Counsel in regards to Kane County's Farmland Protection and Growing for Kane local foods ordinances was received. Former President Bob Gehrke provided a report from the August Annual Meeting of GrowMark Inc., and informed Directors of the decision of Board of Directors of Conserv FS, the local GrowMark member and Farm Bureau affiliated cooperative, to hire John Tuttle of Bloomington as General Manager for the local cooperative headquartered in Woodstock.

White reported that the AFBF Annual Meeting will be held January 6-9, 2018 in Nashville, TN.

Correspondence circulated included: Scott Halpin - thanks for the opportunity to address the Board re: candidacy for IFB Vice-Presidency; Paden Thompson - thanks for the purchase of a lamb at the Blue Ribbon Sale; Ethan Stohlquist - thanks for sponsorship of 4H plaque, grand Champion market gilt; Audre Pack and family - thanks for the flowers, food, and support on the passing of her husband Chuck Pack; Evelyn Lootens, Flo Dangelo, Mary Diehl & Beth Engel - thanks for the program and gifts for the Women's Committee farewell.

The next meeting will Thursday, October 5 at 7:30pm.

FB welcomes new Communications Specialist

Marty Keltner of Elgin has accepted the position of Communications Specialist for the Kane County Farm Bureau.

insight about different cultures, how people live, and a deep understanding about what brings them together - food and family.



Marty Keltner

Keltner grew up on a beef cattle ranch in remote Eastern Montana, fluent in horseback riding, sewing, and cooking. Armed with small town America ideals and know-how, she pursued a career in fashion accessories after attending college in Southern California. Her varied positions took her around the world where she gained valuable

A new chapter awaits her at the Farm Bureau where she will communicate with members through these pages, on social media, and in work with FB committees and volunteers. She begins her duties October 9. Feel free to stop by the office on Randall Road in St Charles to say "Hi," get acquainted or wish her well in her new role.

In appreciation...

To thank those who have helped the Kane County Farm Bureau & Foundation in some way, big or small, to remind us of our history, who we are and whom we serve, and to advance our mission to make a brighter tomorrow for farms, families and food.

All County Fair Volunteers
Morgan Wisvader and Andy & Sarah Lenkaitis - for providing "farm zoo" animals at the Kane County Fair

Elizabeth Turk and family - for converting their Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle, Farm Bureau Bucks winnings into a food donation in their community.

Sarah Lenkaitis and Wayne Gehrke - for representing the KCFB and the Young Farmers in the Agri-Quiz Bowl at the Illinois State Fair.

Stevi Ponderlick, Theis Farm II - for setting up a bi-weekly summer Farmers Market at the

FB, and for donating a portion of the proceeds for KCFB Foundation scholarships

Buck Bros. Inc - for organizing the John Buck Memorial Golf Outing which provided \$3413 to support KCFB Foundation John Buck Memorial Scholarships.

Michael Kenyon - for donating wagons for the Harvest Decorations sale and for hosting a farm shop meeting with Congressman Peter Roskam

Kathy Chwee - for a Barn Wood framed photo of the Teeple Barn

CHS Elburn and Stephanie Hess, Kimberly Rehr, Kelly Adamson and Danielle Rudinski - for a charity hole at their annual golf outing and a \$543 donation to support Harvest for ALL.

To all Silent Auction bidders and bucket raffle ticket buyers.

In the news

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Centennial Farm" describes the family's life growing up on a farm, how they adapted as other farms gradually disappeared from the landscape, and finally their challenges in becoming a treasured modern farm family in Kane County.

Northwest Quarterly is available at news

stands throughout the Fox Valley area.

White comments in Crain's Chicago Business



KCFB President Joe White of Kaneville was interviewed recently for a story on the rising cost of health insurance on the farm by "Crain's Chicago Business" a weekly business newspaper in Chicago. The story had not been released as of press time for the KC Farmer.

Tim Norris and family at Spring Bluff Nursery

IL tops grain estimates

From FarmWeekNow

USDA currently pinpoints Illinois as the "garden spot" in the Midwest this year with average yields pegged at 189 bushels per acre for corn and

58 bushels for beans. If realized, Illinois' crop yields would be down 8 bushels per acre for corn and 1 bushel for beans compared to last year.

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.

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JANUARY 2017 THRU DECEMBER 2017												
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F. CARLSON	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
B. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
C. COLLINS	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		X	X				
B. GEHRKE	X		X	X	X		X	X	X			
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M. KENYON	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
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D. LEHRER		X	X	X	X	X		X	X			
N. LONG	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			
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CHS Elburn supports Harvest for ALL



CFB Foundation Executive Director Steve Arnold accepts a check from CHS Elburn Manager Dave Myers for \$543 to support the Foundation's Harvest for ALL campaign for local food pantries.

Participants in the annual CHS Elburn golf outing gave a boost to area hunger relief efforts on September 6. In what has become an annual tradition, CHS employees Stephanie Hess, Kimberly Rehr, Kelly Adamson and Danielle Rudsinski staffed a "contest" hole on the golf course where CHS patrons could direct their contributions to the hunger relief efforts of the KCFB Foundation.

The CHS check moves the local Harvest for ALL effort

closer to the benchmark of 2 million meals donated to local food pantries since Kane County Farm Bureau launched the effort in 2009. 100% of the contribution from CHS Elburn will be given to the Elburn Food Pantry. We thank the employees and patron of CHS Elburn for the contribution to their community and remind our members that anytime is a good time to make contributions to your local food pantry through the Foundation's Harvest for ALL program.

Harvest decorations are back

The KCFB Foundation wants to help make Kane County the most festive county in Illinois again this year by providing Farm Bureau members with decorations to complete your home. Beginning October 6th, the Kane County Farm Bureau office will be your one stop harvest decoration



ment your home. Beginning October 6th, the Kane County

shop. Choose from a variety of straw bales, corn shocks, garden mums, Indian corn, gourds, and pumpkins all produced from local growers.

Don't wait, as products are only available while supplies last. Proceeds from all sales

benefit the Ag-in-the-Classroom and Scholarship programs of the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation. Questions? Call (630) 584-8660, 9:00-4:00 M-F, 10:00-3:00 weekends.

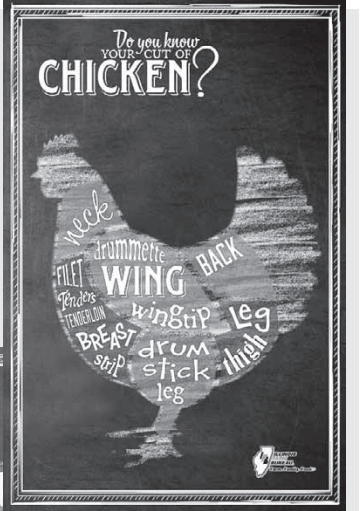
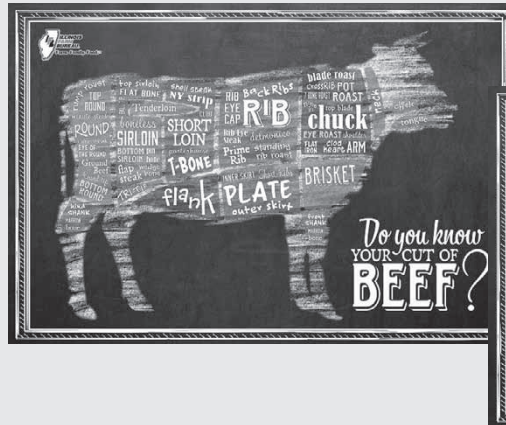
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Plan now for these items to be a part of your holiday shopping list this year

November – Order Fresh Citrus and fresh, local Turkeys, get 31 Days of Christmas Raffle Tickets (tickets available only until Nov. 30)

December – Holiday Hams, Christmas Trees and Wreaths, Assorted Nuts, Locally Grown Popcorn

BBQ?

Do you or a friend run a BBQ restaurant or food truck? Want your customers to know their cuts of meat? Contact the KCFB for information on how to obtain full-color pictures or posters like these. As a bonus, we can offer them FREE if they are KCFB "branded." Restrictions apply. Call Steve at 630-584-8660 for more information.



WOTUS action request heeded

In late August USEPA announced that it was extending the comment period for the repeal of WOTUS an additional

30 days. The comment period closed September 27, 2017.

WOTUS (Water of the United States) was considered by many to be egregious regulatory over-reach by the federal government. Illinois Farm Bureau set a goal of 2,500 signatures on the petition that was to be attached to official IFB

comments on the rule.

The Kane County Farm Bureau thanks the following for taking action on this issue. Ron Alms, Steve Arnold, Joan Basile, Bill Collins, Chris Collins, Pat Dumoulin, Joe Engel, Robert Gehrke, Wayne Gehrke, Keith Gonnerman, Chris Gould, Dale Hartman, Louise Johnson, Mike Kenyon, Andy Lenkaitis, Keith Sanders, Tim Stuenkel, Alan Volpp.

If you would like to receive emails or text alerts of action requests on issues of importance to farmers, download the Illinois Farm Bureau app or call the KCFB at 630 584-8660.

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AG LITERACY CORNER

By Suzi Myers



One of the special parts of autumn to me is the harvesting of prairie seeds. No matter how stressed I am, simply walking into the prairie makes those stresses begin to disappear. Today I was harvesting the Compass Plant seeds, which is one of my favorite prairie plants. There was no problem finding these seeds, as they were heads above all the

other plants. The Compass Plant (*Silphium laciniatum*) is a species of flowering plant in the aster family. It sends up a stalk with yellow flowers that reach a height of over 5 feet. The spectacular height and great yellow flowers are reasons I'm fond of this plant, but what I really like are the leaves. The leaves are rough, large and remind me of a type of

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tropical plant with their open structure. The large leaves are held vertically with the tips pointing north or south and the upper and lower surfaces of the blades facing east or west. It has been said that early settlers on the Great Plains could make their way in the dark by feeling the leaves.

Once I was "lost" in the prairie and used the Compass Plant leaves to make my way out ... I had no idea what direction they were pointing, but they all seemed the same, so that's what I followed ... happily to the prairie edge and my car.

As I'm making my way through the prairie, I marvel at

the beauty all around me. Today I found a glistening spider web, some really pretty flowers ... yellow, purple, white and many different insects. Many of my friends ask if I've ever seen a snake while in the prairie. My answer is always the same, "No, but I sure don't look for them either."

Today and last week I emerged from the prairie full of little seeds that had hitched a ride on my pants and shirt sleeves. Amazing how many of these I seem to collect as I'm walking through the prairie. I especially like the ones that are shaped like a crescent moon.

All the seeds that we pick are

taken to the Kane County Forest Preserve seed barn. They are sorted, dried and bagged. In early December, we meet at the barn and combine all these seeds into various mixes. The seeds are then used in many restoration projects.

As a disclaimer, prairie seed or wildflower collecting in our forest preserves or public land is only to be done with permission. I am able to do these harvests as part of the volunteer group that KCFP sponsors. If you are interested in joining us, check out their webpage to see where the next harvest is to take place ... the beauty and serenity await.

Facebook and the Farm Bureau

By Valerie Johnson

Our world today seems to revolve around information. We want to know the answers to questions such as What's happening in the news? How was school? Your event, job, new friend, and so on. We want to know it and we want to know it NOW x's 1,000 friends or so!

Sometimes Facebook can get a bit overwhelming ... and even annoying!

But Social Media isn't completely a waste of time if used in moderation, and for the right reasons at the right times. There really are some great benefits to having the access to knowledge, including farm & food facts and more, at your fingertips.

For example, an interesting topic with links included sent to your smart phone or computer can save you a trip to the library. Yes, I admit, receiving interesting ag topics may even create more library trips - as it has done with me. But, thanks to our information age, this year my garden never looked better!

On a more serious note, if an emergency occurs within Kane County or anywhere, the fastest way to find out what was happening so you can plan for how you or your family should handle the situation is usually social

media.

Kane County Farm Bureau's Facebook page informs readers about what is happening in the Agriculture world including current trends, where to attend meetings, safety concerns & issues, and how to support Fundraisers to send students to college. All of this info is either shared or published and then delivered to your facebook account if you follow our page.

In consideration of our readers and followers, we try to not publish content during a crisis (such as a hurricane) or a day to remember (such as 9/11). Likewise, in consideration of others, please NEVER text or forward social media posts while driving! Texting while driving makes you 23 times more likely to crash, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Social Media attracts a different audience than readers of our publication. As such, it can be enhanced by YOU sharing farm posts and photos! It's another way for us to reach others and give them information about what is important on the farm.

So give it a try if you haven't yet. Follow the Kane County Farm Bureau's Facebook page - but in moderation of course!



Valerie Johnson

Need classroom supplies?

Christine Zollers, 3rd grade teacher at John Stewart Elementary School in Elburn stopped by the KCFB office in early September to pick up classroom supplies, Agri-Science Kits, Classroom Poster and Ag Mags for student lessons gained through her experience at KCFB Summer Ag Institutes, Teacher Workshop and Ag-in-the-Classroom (AITC) newsletters. KCFB has many resources for schools, teachers and classrooms, including an AITC lending library. For more information on FREE resources, or to join our email list, call the KCFB at 630-584-8660 and ask for Suzi, or send an email to aitc@kanecfb.com



Book of the month

"Simple text and bold, beautiful paper sculpture convey the animal life, plant life, weather and clothing, as well as the colors and feelings associated with the fall season."

It's Fall discusses migration of geese and monarchs, as well as the hibernating of insects, frogs and raccoons. The great harvest moon is mentioned; the milkweed seeds flying through the air; and the rustle of fallen leaves as children walk amongst them. Also mentioned are acorns, pinecones, pumpkins,

planting of spring bulbs, and much more.

At the back of the book there are some nature activities to do in the fall, ranging from leaf rubbings to following migrations on Journey North.

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.



It's Fall by Linda Glaser

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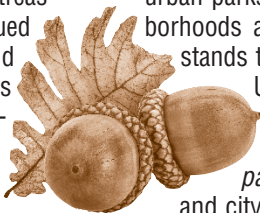
AUTUMN

October has been officially proclaimed OAKtober- oak Awareness Month in Illinois by Governor Rauner

Some of the Oaks in our area:

Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) has been called "one of the handsomest, cleanest, and stately trees in North America" by naturalist Joseph S. Illick, and it is widely considered a national treasure. It is especially valued for its adaptability and usefulness, including its hardiness in urban settings.

Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) is a mighty sight to behold. A coarsely textured crown, wild and wooly acorns and a massive trunk with rough and deeply furrowed bark combine to make one impressive tree. While its massive size counts this tree out for most urban and suburban yards, the bur oak make a great choice for parks, institutional grounds and expansive yards.



White Oak (*Quercus alba*) is the state tree of Connecticut, Illinois and Maryland. It is known as the king of the Oaks. This beautiful tree can be found presiding over pastures, providing shade in urban parks and suburban neighborhoods and thriving in natural stands throughout the eastern United States and southeastern Canada.

Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) homeowners and city foresters are pleased with this tree for very specific reasons: strong wood; dense shade; tolerance of many soil conditions, heat, soil compaction and air pollution; free from most major pests; pleasing to the eye in all seasons; and easy to plant. Needless to say, this faster-growing oak is a common sight in yards, along streets and throughout parks.

Autumn

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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St Charles, IL 60174 by October 15, 2017 to be entered in our drawing for a bag of breakfast items prize.

Fall trivia

- The season between summer and winter used to be called Harvest in the 12-13th centuries
- Autumn begins with the September equinox and ends with winter solstice in December
- 16th century French word autumn was introduced to replace harvest
- The monikers spring and fall came about in the 16th century from the spring of the leaf and fall of the leaf
- Autumn or fall is the only season of the year that goes by two names
- In the Northern Hemisphere, autumn is considered the months of September through November
- Day and night are the same lengths during the autumnal equinox. As a result, ancient cultures have always associated this day with the concept of balance.

Baked whole pumpkin

By Karla Rossi
 "This is one of our family's Thanksgiving dinner favorites, a custard-filled pumpkin that looks quite impressive on the holiday table." (From *Breaking Bread: A Family History Preserved By Seven Sisters*)

Ingredients
 1 medium sugar pumpkin
 6 eggs

Things to do in the fall:

- Rake leaves, Jump into a pile of leaves, Pick up some leaves and preserve with waxed paper
- Visit a farmer's market
- Go apple picking Have some apple cider or a cider donut, Bob for apples, bake an apple pie, eat a taffy apple,
- Head to a pumpkin patch, bake pumpkin pie or bread, carve a pumpkin, roast pumpkin seeds
- Go to a haunted house
- Explore fall colors, Go on a local nature walk, Pick up acorns and pinecones where permitted
- Plan a nature scavenger hunt
- Attend a fall festival
- Make a pot of chili or soup
- Make festive fall crafts
- Go to a football game
- Have a bonfire

2 cups heavy whipping cream
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1 tablespoon molasses
 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
 1 tablespoon butter

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Cut the lid off the pumpkin and remove the seeds.
3. Combine the eggs, whipping cream, brown sugar, molasses, nutmeg, cinnamon and ginger. Pour mixture into the pumpkin shell and top with the butter. Replace lid on pumpkin and place in a baking pan.
4. Bake for 1 to 1-1/2 hours or until mixture has set like a custard. Allow to cool and serve right from the pumpkin at the table, scraping some of the meat from the pumpkin wall with each serving



Tasty trivia:

- Pumpkins are believed to have originated in North America. Seeds from related plants have been found in Mexico dating back to 7000 to 5500 B.C.
- Pumpkins are 90 percent water.
- Native Americans flattened strips of pumpkins, dried them and made mats.
- Native Americans used pumpkin seeds for food and medicine.
- Illinois produces more pumpkins than any other state.



Without pumpkins many of the early settlers might have died from starvation. The following poem is a testament to the Pilgrims dependence upon pumpkins for food:

*For pottage and puddings and custards and pies
 Our pumpkins and parsnips are common supplies,
 We have pumpkins at morning and pumpkins at noon,
 If it were not for pumpkins we should be undone."*
 Pilgrim verse, circa 1633

October is...

- National**
- Pork Month
- Eat Country Ham Month
- Pasta Month
- Pizza Month
- Chili Month
- Cookie Month
- Oaktober in Illinois
- Angel Food Cake Day October 10
- Farmer's Day October 12
- Apple Crunch Day October 12 at noon
- Canning Day October 23
- Bologna Day October 24
- Chocolate Day October 28

Join the 2017 Great Lakes Apple crunch!

Date: Thursday, October 12, 2017

Location: Any site including K-12 schools, early care settings, hospitals, colleges/universities, business campuses, state agencies and other organizations across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio

Details: Celebrate National Farm to School Month by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples at NOON on Thursday, October 12. Everyone is welcome to Crunch!

Join in! Last October 1,201,346 students, children, teachers, and good food supporters across the region crunched. Let's join forces and meet the ONE MILLION CRUNCH goal again this year!

Congratulations

Patricia LeMarie! Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search Puzzle. For her participation, she receives a bag of Peach based products! Thank you, Tammy, for reading the *Kane County Farmer* and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.

What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

St. Charles Agency, Bob Effner, Agency Manager

Edward Stuehm has been named the Financial Representative of the Month for August 2017 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. Bob has provided plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of his clients through COUNTRY Financial's diverse products and services: Auto, Farm, Home, Life, Business, Retirement. You may reach Ed at 630-845-8245, edward.stuehm@countryfinancial.com, or https://representatives.countryfinancial.com/edward.stuehm.

Congratulations, Ed!

Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager

Zach Fox, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for August 2017. Zach began his career with COUNTRY Financial in May of 2007 and services clients out of his office located at: 1920 Wilson Street, Batavia 60510; (630) 406-6900..

Zach'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, Zach!

KCFB supports Hurricane Harvey relief

At their September 7 meeting the Board of Directors of the KCFB approved a motion to send \$500 to a Hurricane Harvey relief fund established by the Texas Farm Bureau to help farmers and ranchers recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. Action on relief for victims of Hurricane Irma was postponed until October, as the storm had not made landfall at the time of the meeting.

The contribution to Texas Farm Bureau's relief efforts was hand delivered to the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors at their September 21 meeting

by KCFB President Joe White. It will be combined with contributions from IFB, county Farm Bureaus and members from across Illinois. Hurricane Harvey is the second major natural disaster to hit Texas this year. Wildfires in March burned over 700 square miles of rangeland in the Texas panhandle.

The GROWMARK Foundation donated \$50,000 to the Midwest Food Bank to support relief efforts following Hurricane Harvey, which supplied thousands of disaster relief boxes and hygiene kits to the affected areas. The GROWMARK Foundation

is GROWMARK's philanthropic arm which supports not-for-profit charitable organizations. GROWMARK is Farm Bureaus affiliated farm supply, service and grain marketing cooperative, headquartered in Bloomington, IL.

Members who would like to make a donation to farm-based relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Harvey can send them to: Texas Farm Bureau Foundation, P.O. Box 2689, Waco, TX 76702-2689 Attn: Cyndi Gerki. Donations will be dispersed via an application process directly to farmers and ranchers affected by the hurricane.

For more information, visit texasfarmbureau.org.

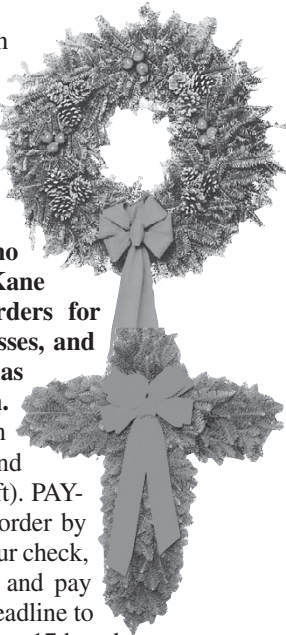


Make-and-Take Wreath Workshop

There is nothing more festive than the smell of fresh evergreen 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, candy cane 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, 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).



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

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Make-And-Take Wreath Workshop (\$30)
(to benefit the KCFB Foundation)
Monday, December 4th 10am

Number of people attending: _____

I would like to make a: (circle one) Cross Candy Cane Wreath

Please include pre-order or workshop registration payment.
Workshop deadline is Nov. 24

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For decades Farm Bureau has administered the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP), in cooperation with the Illinois

State Medical Society. RIMSAP helps qualified applicants, who agree to practice medicine in rural Illinois, hurdle financial needs and academic barriers at the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

Do you have a vision of becoming a doctor? Farm Bureau can help.

So if you, or someone you know, is interested in practicing medicine, find out how RIMSAP can help at www.rimsap.com. Applications are due by Nov. 1.

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 on your success!



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The Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation has already started selling tickets for their "31 Days of Christmas" raffle. This unique raffle allows ticket holders the chance to win a prize every day for the whole month of December, with the opportunity to win more than one prize. All prizes are valued between \$200 to \$500. Winning numbers will be determined by the winning evening Pick 3 Illinois Lottery number for that day. Prizes will 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.

All proceeds benefit KCFB Foundation scholarship programs. Tickets will be on sale now 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. Visit www.kanecfb.com for more details.



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A scholarship fundraising activity of the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation



Natalie Meisner was one of several Farm Bureau members who stopped by the office last month to pick up some "Start Seeing Farmers" signs for the rural roads around her home. With harvest about to begin, there is still time to get some of these FREE reminders to motorists to be on the alert for slow moving farm machinery during the harvest season.

KCFB also has available 2 3'X10' "Slow Down, Share the Road" banners available for high traffic locations. If you would like us to set one of these up at your farm or business, give Steve Arnold a call at 630 584-8660. Let make harvest safe for farmers and motorists alike!

Illinois Soil, Food, Water & Composting Summit

The purpose of the summit is to bring together leaders and practitioners working on soil quality enhancement, water quality protection, sustainable agriculture/local food, food recovery and composting to learn more about the connectivity between issues and explore opportunities for collaborative work that lead to soil conservation and enhancement, increased water quality, greater availability of local food for local consumption, increased waste diversion, composting and food recovery, and economic development opportunities.

Program agenda will include keynote and breakout session speakers from Fresh Taste, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Biocycle, Illinois Farm Bureau, US and IL EPA, USDA, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Kane County, Liberty Prairie Foundation, Illinois Environmental Council, City of Chicago, Solid Waste Agency of Lake County, Illinois Stewardship Alliance, Pink Energy Group, Illinois Food Scrap Coalition, Save Our Soils, Will County Soil and Water Conservation District, and more.

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Drones! And our future

Friday, November 10th Heartland Community College in Bloomington-Normal is hosting an amazing event for Agriculturalists and teachers from all backgrounds and industries to learn more about Drones! Visit <http://www.heartland.edu/continuingEd/drone.html> to sign up or for more information. Class fee is \$69. After November 1st – \$99. Lunch is included. Group rates, Chamber of Commerce, educator and student discounts available.

Appointments are available Friday Oct. 6 from 2 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, October 7 from 10 am to 4 p.m. Family photos make a wonderful gift. Appointments fill quickly! Click on "schedule portrait" at www.kanecfb.com or call the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660.



Free family portrait for KCFB members



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EDITOR'S NOTE: After 50+ years, the KCFB Women's Committee had their last gathering on August 2 in Sugar Grove. Members attending, past and present, received this "thank you," reprinted here as a reminder of this group's contribution to our mission.



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August 1, 2017

To: Women's Committee members, past & present:

On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors and members of the Kane County Farm Bureau, I want to thank you for your contributions to the organization, and to the people and causes it represents.

For over 50 years, the Women's Committee has sponsored, planned and carried out activities, events and programs for the benefit of local farm families. Those efforts have helped to keep the Farm Bureau, farms and farmers in the public consciousness, and have contributed much to the organization's reputation and effectiveness.

The list of activities is impressive. A brief review of only the last 15 years of Women's Committee agendas reveals planning for and participation in Kane County Farm Bureau, Foundation and community events including:


Ag Days	Ag-in-the-Classroom	Adopt-A-Classroom	AITC Bike Rides
Ag Literacy Library	Christmas Tree Decorating	Blood Drives	Bookmark Contests
County Fairs	County Annual Meetings	Classroom visits	Cookie xchanges
Child Safety Seats	Crisis Center Donations	Corn Promotions	Dairy Luncheons
Defensive Driving	Essay Contests	Farm Visits	Farm Safety Demos
Farmer Fitness	Food Check-Out Day	Flu Shots	Farm Shop Meetings
Farm Stand Recipes	Govt. Affairs Conference	Health Fairs	Harvest Picnics
Harvest for ALL	Harvest Luncheons	Harvest Safety	Halloween Safety
IAA Annual Meetings	Informational Meetings	Lunches to Legislators	Lady Landowners
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Soybean Promotions	Summer Ag Institutes	Safety Displays	Safety Treats
Shopping Sprees	Statewide Conferences	SPROUTS	Touch-A-Tractor

The success of an association like ours is built upon the contributions of key members to the group's mission. The most important contribution you can make is that of the most precious commodity you have, your time.

Through these past 50+ years, the Women's Committee, as much or more than as any other organized group in the Farm Bureau, devoted time, along with creativity, energy and enthusiasm to Enhance the quality of life for Farm Bureau members, Promote agriculture, and Advocate stewardship. For that, your Association is truly grateful.

You should be justifiably proud of your role and your service to the Committee, Farm Bureau and Agriculture.

In Grateful Appreciation,
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Explore autumn & enjoy the Bounty of Kane

Get out and enjoy these golden autumn days! Spend a day at your local apple orchard or pumpkin farm! Pick apples, go for a hay ride or choose the perfect pumpkin for your Halloween Jack-O-Lantern. Here are some great and local farms, perfect for a fall family outing! Visit www.bountyofkane.org for a complete list of direct farm markets and farmer's markets in Kane County.

- Abbey Farm**
 2855 Hart Rd, Aurora
 630-966-7775
Pumpkins, corn maze, farm activities
- Norton Farm**
 39W389 Route 64, St. Charles
 630-377-8118
Pumpkins, gourds, indian corn and corn bundles
- Kuiper's Family Farm**
 01N145 Watson Road,
 Maple Park • 815-827-5200
Family u-pick apples, pumpkins, kids' activities, corn maze & more
- Enjoy Pioneer Farm**
 17N400 Big Timber Road
 Hampshire • 847-683-2863
Pumpkins, broom corn, corn stalks, indian corn, straw, gourds, squash & petting zoo
- Goebbert's Pumpkin Patch**
 Rt. 47 & Reinking Road
 Hampshire • 847-464-5952
Pick your own pumpkin, petting zoo, pony rides, corn maze, & more
- The Pumpkin Wagon**
 12N860 Rt. 20, Elgin
 847-697-2538
Pumpkins, squash, straw.

- Tom's Farm Market & Greenhouse**
 10214 Algonquin Rd., Huntley
 847-669-3421
Pumpkins and fall ornamentals
- Ben's Giant Pumpkins & Farm Market**
 43W200 Jericho Rd., Sugar Grove
 630-466-1331
Pumpkins and fall ornamentals
- Sugar Grove Pumpkin Farm & Produce**
 4S041 Merrill Rd, Sugar Grove
 815-901-6887
Pumpkins, kids activities and corn maze
- Theis Farm Market**
 6N953 County Line Rd,
 Maple Park • 815-757-1090
Pumpkins and fall ornamentals
- Windy Acres Farm**
 37W446 Fabyan Parkway
 Geneva, IL • 630-232-6429