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## Drive Thru BBQ so much fun ... we're doing another one with Vintage Truck Raffle drawing—September 9th

The August Drive-Thru BBQ was such a hit, we've decided to serve seconds!

Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation is again teaming up with Fay's Finest Foods of Waterman to offer its members and the public a convenient and delicious way to raise money for our college scholarships and agricultural literacy program efforts. It happens Thursday, September 9th on the parking lot at the Farm Bureau on Randall Road in St. Charles. The drive-thru BBQ will be in conjunction with our Vintage Truck raffle drawing at 7:00 p.m. Please bring lawn chairs if you'd like to dine at



KCFB and watch the raffle drawing.

From 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., drive-thru diners can choose from 3 meals at \$15 each (if paid in advance), a **2 pork chop meal**; or **2 chicken quarters**; or a **1 pork chop, 1 chicken quarter combo**. All meals will come with baked beans, cole slaw, apple sauce, a roll and butter.

The Farm Bureau parking lot will be set-up for fast and convenient drive-thru service, order for the entire family! Meals will also be available on a limited basis for

drive-ups without a reservation at a slightly higher, \$16.00 price. See BBQ order form on page 2.

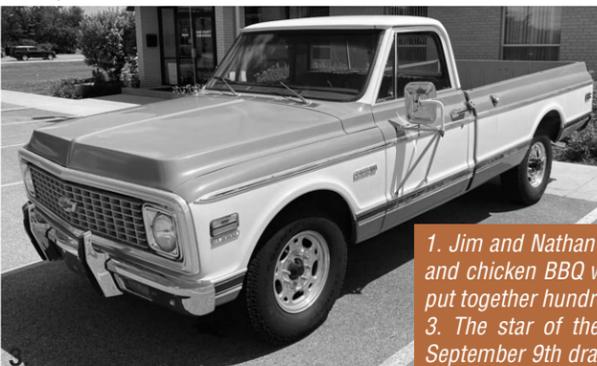
There's still time to get your tickets for the truck raffle and your chance to win this 1972 Chevrolet C20 pick up truck or \$3,500 cash – \$15/each, 2/\$25, 5/\$50, but hurry!

All food and ticket sales will benefit the KCFB Foundation and meal reservation and pre-payment is encouraged. To reserve your meals and pre-pay, or purchase raffle tickets, call KCFB at 630-584-8660.



1. Jim and Nathan Fay supervised the expanse of grills as the tantalizing smells of pork chop and chicken BBQ wafted in the afternoon air; 2. Anna Fay and her crew cheerfully hustled to put together hundreds of go boxes with coleslaw, baked beans, applesauce and roll & butter. 3. The star of the raffle, the 1972 Chevy C20; 4. Raffle tickets are still available for the September 9th drawing! Call KCFB to get yours – 630-584-8660.

**DRAWING SEPTEMBER 9TH**  
**VINTAGE TRUCK RAFFLE**  
Proceeds benefit College Scholarships, Ag Literacy programs, and local FFA Chapters  
**2021 GRAND PRIZE**  
1972 CHEVY C20 OR \$3,500 CASH  
**\$15 EACH 2/\$25 5/\$50**  
Drawing Thursday Sept. 9, 2021 7 p.m. Kane County Farm Bureau, Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL



## Farm toy of the month—a mini mighty combine

If your little ones are gearing up for harvest time, they'll need a good combine to get the job done. The John Deere 7720 Titan II is a work horse. This pint-sized, 1/64th scale Ertl version faithfully replicates the 26 foot long, 20,000 pound machine and comes with three grain headers. Regular price is

\$20.99, but Farm Bureau members get a 10% discount in September. Stop by to pick up your kid-sized combine and tell us your favorite harvest story.



## Pollinator Rain Garden, part 2

In the summer of 2020 (the hottest day as we remember) Kane County Farm Bureau gathered volunteers to plant a pollinator/rain garden at association's office on Randall Road in St. Charles. The purpose was to illustrate two of the many ways farmers strive to improve the land, air, water and wildlife habitat, and to improve water quality.

In early September KCFB will again gather with project partners from the Kane County Environmental and Water Resources

Department and the Conservation Foundation to discuss next steps. Will it be infill of pollinator plants? Expansion

measures? We don't know. But what is certain is that more plants WILL be going in the ground.



Unlike the summer of 2020's planting date with advance notice, we expect to put plants in the ground this year on an as yet undecided weekday in late September.

If you'd like to help please contact Steve Arnold at 630-584-8660 or [steve@kanecfb.com](mailto:steve@kanecfb.com) and we will put you on the shortlist of short notice volunteers who would like to assist with this project.

of the current garden? Addition of "upstream" water flow control? Other water quality benefit

## The mums are back! Fall Harvest Décor arrives in September

Back by popular demand—beautiful fall colors of mums and other décor! With fall right around the corner, it's time to think about decorating your home or business with fall harvest décor from the Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION.

This yearly fundraiser, with all proceeds benefitting Ag Literacy and scholarship programs, is sure to be

your one-stop-shop for fall décor. Choose from straw bales, corn shocks, garden mums,

Indian corn, small gourds, and all sizes of pumpkins! We have it all and expect décor to arrive and sale to start Saturday, September 18th. It will be displayed on our lawn and on the parking lot area directly in front of Costco.



For details, see page 6. Follow us on Facebook for updates or call (630) 584-8660 with any questions or to pre-order.

### KCFB CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2021

- 1 4-H Blue Ribbon Sale Buyer's Picnic
- 6 Labor Day – Office Closed
- 9 Fay's Finest Foods drive thru, 3-7pm
- KCFB Foundation Vintage Truck Raffle drawing, 7pm
- Board of Directors, 7pm
- 16 Agriculture Cmte, Kane County Bd.
- 18 Mums and Fall Décor Sale starts
- 20-21 Defensive Driving class (CANCELLED)
- 25 KCFB Foundation 'Junk 'n Your Trunk' sale, 9am-2pm
- 28 Get-A-Grant Teacher Workshop, 4pm

All at Kane County Farm Bureau unless otherwise noted.

### SEPTEMBER FEATURED FOOD

### Lemon-Rosemary Pork Roast

The special this month is a package of 3 individually wrapped, 24 ounce boneless pork roasts cut from the most tender part of the pork loin. It is designed to be cooked just like beef to an internal temperature of 145°F, sliced thin and served as an entrée. Each roast is netted and vacuum sealed to preserve the lemon-rosemary marinade. The special is offered for \$22.60 to Farm Bureau members, Plus Status members always receive a 5% discount on edible products at the Farm Bureau!

# Water testing offered in October

The Kane County Farm Bureau and Kane/DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District will offer water testing in October this year. A high quality water supply is vital for families, and well testing helps provide peace of mind and identifies potential problem areas for homeowners in Kane County.

The well testing program has three simple steps: (1) pick up and pay for a water test kit at Kane County Farm Bureau between Monday, Oct. 18-Friday, October 29, (2) at home, collect a water sample as close as possible to turning it in; and (3) return the water sample to KCFB or Kane/DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District on Monday, Nov. 1st. Results will

be mailed to your home.

Two kits are available and prices vary:

**A. Basic Package (Nitrate Package)—\$45.00**

Test for nitrate, nitrite, ammonia, chloride, sulfate, soluble phosphorus, silica and specific conductivity.

**B. Metals—\$95.00**

Test for 23 different metals.

All kits include detailed sampling instructions. KCFB or Kane/DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District can provide additional information about each test.

The certified lab at Heidelberg College Water Quality Laboratory in Tiffin, OH tests all samples. The lab is

nationally recognized for its work testing rivers and lakes.

Mark your calendar for a FALL water test or call Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 with questions.



# Anhydrous ammonia training

Illinois Farm Bureau members are invited to enroll in upcoming statewide Anhydrous Ammonia Certified Grower Training sessions to fulfill state requirements on mandatory safety training. Free certified grower trainings will be offered on six dates in fall 2021 through a partnership with Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) and Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association (IFCA).

Attendance is limited for each session. Growers may register at <http://www.ilfb.org/NH3> to guarantee their seat and learn more information.

Illinois growers and grower farm operators who transport or apply anhydrous ammonia, or otherwise maintain anhydrous ammonia equipment, are now required by state regulation (8 IAC 215) to complete certified grower training. The full text of

the current regulations is available at: <https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/00>

The following dates and locations will host the upcoming sessions. Training starts at 1 p.m. at all locations:

- September 7 Days Inn, Rock Falls
- September 8 Knox Agri Center, Galesburg
- September 9 Poe's Catering, Springfield
- September 10 Unique Suites, Charleston
- September 13 Asmark Institute Agricenter, Bloomington
- October 4 Asmark Institute Agricenter, Bloomington

Attendance is limited for each session. Growers may register at <http://www.ilfb.org/NH3> to guarantee their seat and learn more information.

[8/00800215sections.html](http://www.ilfb.org/NH3).

Growers and grower farm operators have until April 1, 2022 to be initially certified and must participate in refresher training every three years. As a reminder, Anhydrous Ammonia Certified Grower Training can also be fulfilled online at <https://onenet.illinois.gov/page.aspx?item=128037>. Questions and assistance with the training content can be answered by the Illinois Department of

Agriculture at 217-782-3817.

IFB was heavily involved in discussions leading up to this regulatory change and throughout the rule-making process. IFB has continued running a full campaign to educate members about the training requirements. We have also prepared a new set of marketing material for use by the county Farm Bureaus to announce in-person training opportunities.

New materials, as well as previous materials, can all be found on the Leaders' Portal at: <https://ilcfb.org/engage/governmental-affairs-commodities/natural-environmental-resources/anhydrous-ammonia/>

Additional in person training opportunities will be available in early Spring 2022. IFB will continue to communicate these additional opportunities as they become available.

# National Farm & Safety Week September 20-24, 2021

The 2019 data for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 573 fatalities, or an equivalent of 23.1 deaths per 100,000 workers. Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of

the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. This annual promotion initiated by the National Safety Council has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since

Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944. National Farm Safety and Health Week is led by the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), the agricultural partner of the National Safety Council.



Savor the sizzle with Fay's Finest Foods BBQ drive-thru - September 9th, 3-7 pm.

See page 1 for details

Welcome new members

You receive the Kane County Farmer because you are a Farm Bureau member. If you are a farm operator or owner, you benefit from a local, state and national organization

committed to agriculture and your way of life.

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

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

### KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE JANUARY 2021 THRU DECEMBER 2021

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

## 30 ACRE JANES FARM BURLINGTON TOWNSHIP

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

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## — September 9th — Drive Thru BBQ Fundraiser

Please reserve:

\_\_\_\_\_ pork chop dinners \_\_\_\_\_ chicken quarters dinners \_\_\_\_\_ pork chop/chicken combo dinners

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Visa/MC \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Don't miss your chance to... Win this truck!



There's still time to get your tickets for the truck raffle and your chance to win this 1972 Chevrolet C20 pick up truck or \$3,500 cash – tickets are \$15/each, 2/\$25, 5/\$50. Call KCFB today at 630-584-8660 to get your tickets and join us Thursday, September 9th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. for a Fay's BBQ Drive-thru and the raffle ticket drawing at 7:00 p.m.

## National Night Out



Megan Martyn and her two boys, Hunter and Ethan of Campton Hills gather around the nearly 24 hour old Lenkaitis Holsteins Dairy Farm calf at National Night Out in Campton Hills last month. Yes, you read that correct. The calf was less than 24 hours old when he made his appearance at Campton Hills' event on Tuesday, August 3. Special thanks to Andy and Sarah Lenkaitis and our Young Farmers for making the event a success!

## Big Rock Plowing Match

The 127th Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival – one of the oldest events of its kind in America – will return Sept. 17-19 at Plowman's Park, 48W508 Hinckley Road, Big Rock.

The celebration of farming traditions features the plowing competition and includes an array of activities for everyone in the family.

For the kids, there's a Friday night carnival, petting zoo, old-fashioned races and games, pedal tractor pull and train rides.

People of all ages can enjoy the craft and art show, horse show, cattle show and vegetable

and grain show, participate in the bags tournament, round bale roll, old time baseball or 5k fun run/walk. The Junior and Ladies Fairs showcase baked goods, canned goods, handicrafts and photos by kids and adults in competition for over \$3,000 in prize money.

Food and beverages are available, and admission and parking are free.

For more information, visit [bigrockplowingmatch.com](http://bigrockplowingmatch.com), the Big Rock Plowing Match Facebook page or email [bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com](mailto:bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com).



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## A summer celebration—

# Baseball, fellowship and fun with KCFB folks, 2021 Scholarship recipients



Predicted thunderstorms held off and it was a great night for fellowship, fun and baseball.

The KCFB volunteer appreciation get-together was held on Friday, August 6th at Northwestern Medical Field in Geneva. Kane County Farm Bureau board members, staff, volunteers and supporters joined 2021 KCFB Foundation scholarship winners as scholarships were awarded to the recipients.

The group then mingled and enjoyed food, beverages, fireworks and the baseball game against the Houston Apollos. It was a lot of fun for all.



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## U of I Extension offers best gardening tips for fall season

As fall approaches, trees begin to change color, cold weather sweeps in, and garden prepping for winter begins.

A free three-part University of Illinois Extension online webinar series will help gardeners prepare for the cold months ahead. Four Seasons Gardening has inspired generations of gardeners. The fall workshops begin at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 14 and will include tips for garden tool maintenance from Extension horticulture educator Richard Hentschel.

Sharp, rust-free tools are easier on the body and make whatever task is at hand quicker to finish, says Hentschel. Make gardening less of a chore by maintaining your equipment.

Fall is a popular time to examine landscape trees. Illinois is home to hundreds of native and non-native tree species, but identifying them isn't always

easy. Leaves, bark, twigs, buds, flowers, boles, and fruit all help in identification. Sarah Vogel, Extension horticulture educator, will help homeowners recognize tree species, both natives and non-natives, based on the size, shape, and appearance, as well as cover the basic parts of trees. The webinar begins at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 19.

Tree root collar disorder affects many trees. A root collar is an important area of a tree where root tissue shifts to trunk tissue. Impacts to this part of the tree can have a variety of symptoms, from yellow foliage and early fall color to dieback in the upper canopy, and even tree death. Extension educator Ryan Pankau will explain how to identify, prevent, and treat trees with root collar disorder during the final fall webinar at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 30.

Register online at [go.illinois.edu/fourseasons](http://go.illinois.edu/fourseasons).

If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate, or for more information, contact Gemini Bhalsod at [gbhalsod@illinois.edu](mailto:gbhalsod@illinois.edu). Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting access needs.

Illinois Extension leads public outreach for University of Illinois by translating research into action plans that allow Illinois families, businesses, and community leaders to solve problems, make informed decisions, and adapt to changes and opportunities.



### Round Bales



VS.



### Small Square Bales



- They weigh between 1,200-1,400lbs
- Sheds water well
- Typically requires more equipment to move
- Transportation and storage space is less efficient
- Cost-effective if you have a large farm and more animals to feed

- They weigh between 40-60lbs
- Prone to moisture absorption due to rain
- Typically requires more hands-on labor
- Transportation and storage space is optimized
- Traditionally easier to handle because of their shape and size, which makes them more ideal for smaller farms

## Defensive driving class cancelled

The Kane County Farm Bureau 55 Alive Mature Driving Program scheduled for September 20 and 21 has been cancelled. AARP cancelled the event out of an abundance of caution with the recent uptick of Covid cases in Illinois. Contact Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 for more information.

### AG LITERACY CORNER

By Kelcee Miller, Development & Ag Literacy Program Coordinator



#### Hello Kane County!

I am a firm believer that you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

If you haven't noticed already, I am a goal-oriented and motivated individual. I take great pride in those characteristics. I owe much of who I am today to my parents, family, and friends who have helped to mold and influence me.

About two months ago, I took a leap a faith and entered into a whole new sport of powerlifting. I know, the word itself is intimidating. I never thought of myself as a "powerlifter." I like to work out and train hard, so I consider myself an athlete, but a "powerlifter?" That seemed like a bit of a stretch for me.

I had been training with my good friend and coach with a different set of fitness goals in mind when I had a friend encourage me to sign up for a powerlifting competition with her. I looked at her as if she was

crazy! No way could I compete with people who lift hundreds of pounds! Fast-forward two days later, I stepped outside my comfort zone and signed up for the competition.

Training was tough both mentally and physically. I had days where everything felt heavy, even my warmups and working sets. I had days where I was tired before I even began, my brain wanted to talk me out of even finishing my workout or psych me out about the amount of weight I had to move. However, in those times of doubt, fear and exhaustion, I found myself doing some internal reflection. It's similar to the analogy, if you want to climb a mountain, spending all of your time sitting at the bottom thinking and complaining won't get you anywhere. You must create momentum one step at a time to keep moving towards the top. Or in my case day by day, rep by rep. Your goals may not be fitness or health related but

whether it is personal, professional, relational, or something in between, momentum forward to the life you want to live is created by small steps forward. Eventually those small steps will turn into longer strides and before you know it you will be racing towards the finish line.

It was in the process of training for my first competition that I fell in love with the sport, learned so much about myself, and found a new sense of confidence. The best part? I found the same lessons I was learning in the gym carried over into my personal and professional life as well as other goals I have set for myself.

Not everything was smooth sailing though. A week prior to my competition I developed cellulitis on my right leg from playing softball. Talk about a big wrench getting

thrown in your plans. I had worked so hard and the end was in sight and I was not about to throw the last nine weeks of

days leading up to show time so I could still compete.

I am proud and happy to announce I successfully competed in my first powerlifting competition and surpassed my own expectations. I set two new personal records and the cherry on top was placing first in my weight class and division!

There will always be new lessons to be learned in each new goal you set in any aspect of your life. Just remember to take one step at a time, one day at a time consistently. There will be days that are harder than others and life with will hit you with obstacles along the way. Stay the course and keep moving forward and before you know it you will be accomplishing your goals!



Powerlifting pride

training out the window. So under doctor's orders I followed the treatments and rested in the

#### Happy September!

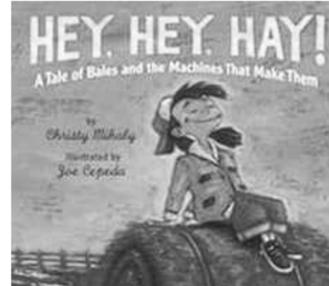
### Book of the month

Hay, looking for a new and informative book to read?

Look no further, the book of the month for September is *Hey, Hey, Hay! A Tale of Bales and the Machines that Make Them*, written by Christy Mihaly and

illustrated by Joe Cepeda.

This charming story is told from a perspective of a young girl who, while feeding hay to her horses on a cold and wintry day, is reminded of all the hard work that goes into storing the



Hey, Hey, Hay! by Christy Mihaly, illustrated by Joe Cepeda.

fresh summer sun in every single bale. The tale of all the hard work that goes into storing summer into a bale is told in rhyme and illustrated with vibrant full-page farming scenery that follows the girl and her mother through the summer as they mow, spread, dry and bale in the

fields of green. What makes this story special is how the mother-daughter duo celebrate summer, farming and the memories made along the way as they grow their hay. In addition, Mihaly goes the extra mile and includes a glossary in the back of the book to help kiddos understand the different haymaking words and equipment used.

To see the joyful rhyming tale of a making a bale, come on in to the Kane County Farm Bureau office and check out our FREE KCFB Library check *Hey, Hey, Hay! A Tale of Bales and the Machines that Make Them*. The Kane County Farm Bureau Library was made possible by Bob Konen and Dean Dunn, and supported by the Konen Family Foundation.

Want to see a quick glimpse at baling in action? Check out this video clip at **Beyond The Barn Door:** <https://beyondthebarndoor.wordpress.com/2020/06/15/grow-with-us-baling-hay/>.

### Apply for IAITC Grants by October 15

Illinois Ag in the Classroom has book grants and classroom project grants available this school year. Book Grants allow teachers to apply for \$250 in books from one of our themed collections. Apply at [https://ilfb.informz.net/ILFB/data/images/IAITC/Teacher%20Book%20Grant%20Application%20Criteria\\_2021-2022\\_website%20doc.pdf](https://ilfb.informz.net/ILFB/data/images/IAITC/Teacher%20Book%20Grant%20Application%20Criteria_2021-2022_website%20doc.pdf). Project grants are \$300 and can be applied to projects that incorporate agriculture-related themes into a content-area classroom. Apply at <https://ilfb.informz.net/ILFB/data/images/>

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Applications due October 15, 2021.



### Get-A-Grant Teacher Workshop

When: Tuesday, September 28th from 4-5pm  
Where: Kane County Farm Bureau board room  
Why: To learn more about applying for grants & incorporating in your classrooms!  
Cost: \$5 (members), \$10 (non-members)  
Call or email Kelcee Miller to claim your spot.  
RSVP by Friday, September 24th, 2021

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# Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Kelcee Miller, Ag Literacy Coordinator



Hay is the third largest agricultural crop grown in the United States, behind corn and soybeans.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 55.7 million acres of land are used in hay production, and the total crop exceeds 119 million tons per year, most of which is used domestically to feed cattle, small livestock and the horse industry.

In addition to round and square bales, hay is available in a variety of other forms including cubes and pellets.

Hay is a grass that has been cut, dried, and stored and is most commonly used for animal feed.

Many people confuse hay with straw. The square bales often sold in the fall for Halloween decorations are bales

of straw. Straw is the stubble that is left after the grains from plants like wheat, oats and rye are removed from the plant. It is

most commonly used in animal bedding, as mulch for gardens and, in some cases, even in the walls of houses.



## Are you cudding? A recipe for haystacks

### Ingredients:

- 1 bag of butterscotch chips
- 2 tsp. creamy peanut butter
- 1 cup of peanuts
- 1 bag of Chow Mein noodles
- Wax paper
- Measuring cup (1 cup)
- Tablespoon (1)
- Microwave safe bowl

Melt butterscotch chips in a microwave safe bowl stirring at 30 second intervals until all the chips are melted and then stir in peanut butter.

Next fold in the peanuts and noodles & mix until well-coated

On lined wax paper, quickly spoon little clusters

Let cool and harden on counter top or in fridge for a few minutes, serve & enjoy!

Optional: Add green sprinkles or green food coloring to give hay bundles a touch of green goodness!

[reallyawesomethings.com/hay-stacks/](https://www.reallyawesomethings.com/hay-stacks/)



## A craft paper hay truck

### Supplies

- Free printable farm truck or may be drawn
- Printer
- White cardstock paper
- Paper craft scissors
- Colored cardstock paper
- School glue
- Green crinkle paper

Brown or black pipe cleaner

### Directions:

Print the Free farm truck template online on white cardstock and use the scissors to cut out truck shape.

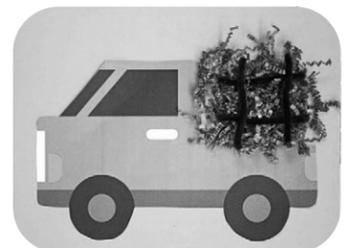
Now take the truck cut out and glue it to the center of another piece of colored paper (Optional: draw and create your own truck)

Next apply a good amount of school glue in the bed of the truck and grab a handful of crinkle paper and place it on top of the glue. Be sure to squish it all together so it sticks in place!

Next cut your pipe cleaner into 4 equal parts. Then place a line of glue on each side of the pipe cleaner pieces and lay them on the crinkle paper section to in a "H" form to create the "string" that holds the hay together.

Add any other finishing touches you may like to make your masterpiece your own!

Find this craft and the printable farm truck here: <https://www.gluedtomycraftsblog.com/2019/08/paper-hay-truck.html>



• Generally, consists of grass or alfalfa and includes leaves

• Main purpose is for livestock feed due to its high nutritional value

• Usually, a light shade of green and it has a slightly sweet smell to it

## Hay vs. Straw

A bale of hay and a bale of straw may look similar and may be found together in the same places, but they are quite different.

• By-product of harvest, usually the hollow stalks and stems from crops like wheat or oats

• Main purpose is for livestock bedding

• Usually, a golden color and it doesn't have much of a smell to it

## ~~~~ JOKES ~~~~

I tried making plans with the farmer that hays my field... but he always bales!

A farmer friend of mine got jailed for excessive hay production. I had to bale him out!

## Needle in a haystack

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

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

## September is ...

### National

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Wildlife Day               | 4th  |
| Cheese Pizza Day           | 5th  |
| International Literacy Day | 8th  |
| Chocolate Milkshake Day    | 12th |
| Peanut Day                 | 13th |
| Cream Filled Donut Day     | 14th |
| Linguine Day               | 15th |
| Guacamole Day              | 16th |
| Cheeseburger Day           | 18th |
| Dance Day                  | 18th |
| Pepperoni Pizza Day        | 20th |
| Queso Day                  | 20th |
| Elephant Appreciation Day  | 22nd |
| Ice Cream Cone Day         | 22nd |
| White Chocolate Day        | 22nd |
| Bunny Day                  | 25th |
| Cooking Day                | 25th |
| Lobster Day                | 25th |
| Pancake Day                | 26th |
| Chocolate Milk Day         | 27th |
| Coffee Day                 | 29th |

### Month-long celebrations...

- Baby Safety Month
- Better Breakfast Month
- National Chicken Month
- National Honey Month
- National Papaya Month
- World Alzheimer's Month

## Congratulations

to **Kathy Konishi** of Carpentersville, last month's word search winner. Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search puzzle. For her participation, she receives a fun prize. Thank you, Kathy, for reading the *Kane County Farmer*, and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.



**Hey, look at the hay**

While some people ho-hum about the drive between here and the Rockies, I noted the hay bales during our summer road trip. The large round bundles of dried fresh grasses or clover dotted the landscape, photo-worthy in most instances. They sat proudly in fields, waterways

and field edges as an iconic symbol of rural America. And they're a major feedstuff for livestock, notably cows that consume more than 30 pounds a day when pasture grass cannot provide.

Iowa farmers baled waterway grasses meandering through corn and soybean fields. Nebraska farmers tended expansive hay fields. Colorado farmers baled against an impressive mountain backdrop. In all those road miles, we

saw equipment parked in barnyards and at field edges but rarely in action. Bales seem to show up like mole hills across the land, often without notice of the process that has evolved dramatically in the last century. This summer, my dad found an antique hay knife in an old barn. It reminded us that farming ancestors used to manually harvest loose hay, stack it in a barn mow and later cut from the compacted pile for feeding livestock.

Today, mechanical balers handle the bundling and tractors the stacking, unless we opt to harvest a rack of small square bales. Most modern-day round bales don weather-protective

net wrap straight out of the baler, a welcome improvement from my childhood when we fitted each bale with a plastic sleeve for outdoor storage.

Mother Nature's reign over the process spans the generations, remaining in control of when we harvest hay and how much we yield across several cuttings. The sun for haymaking seems to shine more on the weekends. However, most farmers will tell you that mowed hay, a crop that must dry or cure before baling, seems to increase the odds for a pop-up rain shower.

The kids don't share those worries and just enjoy the bundled forage, particularly leaping

across the large round bales lined at the field edge. They also climb bales in the mow, a good place to talk about the differences between the hay and straw stored there.

During Dad's barn cleanup, he also found a vintage pop bottle near the hay knife. I like to imagine that the laborer enjoyed a cola break from his vantage point at the mow window, overlooking a harvested hay field and a job well done.

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

**"MR. TORNADO"**

By Alice Macha  
Communications Coordinator



**Tornadoes.** Just seeing photos of a twister gives me a gut clench. Perhaps it all started when I was a 4 1/2 year old living in Peoria in the early 1960s, and the shriek of high winds woke me one summer night. I heard the clatter of garbage cans toppling, and a few airborne objects hitting the house. My parents got up and monitored the situation with hushed concern as I lay in bed, terrified, listening to the hostile darkness outside. The

next morning, we learned a weak tornado had touched down about a mile away. Our house was undamaged and we were fortunate, but the event left me with an indelible memory and a sense of unease not salved by a subsequent viewing of The Wizard of Oz. Even though Dorothy landed in lovely Oz, I wanted no part of the tornado that took her there. Even scarier than the flying monkeys!

Fast forward to the early

1970s, when my family had moved to Batavia from a blissfully tornado-free London. We would watch darkening skies and increasing winds with concern, waiting for the tornado siren to sound and then rush to open a couple of windows in the house to equalize pressure and move to the southwest corner of the basement to wait out the fearsome winds. There was very little in the way of early warnings, and much of the protocol we were following has since been debunked.

Fortunately, we never suffered a tornado and equally fortunately, not far from us, a pioneering University of Chicago professor was in the midst of a lifelong mission to study torna-

does and violent weather.

Professor Tetsuya Theodore "Ted" Fujita earned his doctorate in Japan in 1943. He was living in Kokura, Japan in 1945, the primary target for the second WWII nuclear bomb strike, but on the morning of August 9, 1945, the city was obscured by clouds so the bombing strike was conducted on the secondary target of Nagasaki. Dr. Fujita was spared and studied the damage caused by the nuclear explosion to come up with the hypothesis of downbursts and microbursts to explain the strike damage.

Fujita was invited to the University of Chicago in 1953, to help the U.S. Weather Bureau's Thunderstorm Project, with which the government

wanted to use the new advances in satellite photography and aircraft to improve weather forecasting.

Fujita funneled his fascination with storm formation into a lifetime of meticulous evidence gathering and reconstruction of events in numerous tornadoes to assess damage and plot wind speeds. His research led to many terms that we all know nowadays: "wall clouds", the low storm clouds from which tornadoes often descend, and the term "microburst" among them.

His research led to the development of the Fujita scale, the now ubiquitous "F" designation (upgraded in 2007 to the "Enhanced Fujita" (EF) scale) assigned to tornadoes in  
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**Fall Harvest & Halloween Decorations**

Bring bright fall color and fun to your yard with this assortment of live mums, pumpkins and more. All proceeds benefit Ag Literacy and Scholarship programs of the KCFB FOUNDATION.

**Pre-order, by the piece**

|   | Number | Total \$ |
|---|--------|----------|
| Straw bales (full bale), each \$8.00                            | _____  | _____    |
| Carving pumpkins (17-24#, approx. 12" dia.), each \$6.00        | _____  | _____    |
| Pie pumpkins (softball sized), each \$3.00                      | _____  | _____    |
| Ornamental/heirloom pumpkins, \$6.00 & up                       | _____  | _____    |
| Assorted small gourds/mini pumpkins (3-6 in.), 50¢ ea./2/\$1.00 | _____  | _____    |
| Indian corn (tied in 3's), each \$5.00                          | _____  | _____    |
| Mums (assorted colors, 9" pot), each \$9.00                     | _____  | _____    |
| Corn Shocks, each \$8.00  | _____  | _____    |

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**or by the package**

|                             | corn shocks          | straw bales | carving pumpkins | gourds/mini's | pie pumpkins | indian corn | mums 5-6" |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>\$35, the Townhouse</b>  | 1                    | 0           | 2                | 4             | 1            | 1           | 1         |
| <b>\$71, the Cottage</b>    | 2                    | 1           | 3                | 6             | 2            | 2           | 2         |
| <b>\$118, the Homestead</b> | 3                    | 2           | 4                | 8             | 4            | 3           | 4         |
|                             | TOTAL \$ _____       |             |                  |               |              |             |           |
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Return with payment to KCFB Foundation, 2N710 Randall Rd., St Charles, IL 60174. Cash, check, VISA/MC accepted. Non-members add 10% to total. Pre-order deadline is Friday, September 10.

Pick-up at the Kane County Farm Bureau any time after September 18th. M-F, 9:00 -4:00.

A la carte sales will also be available without pre-order – only while supplies last.

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Don't forget to order straw for fall garden mulching – for more info, call 630-584-8660.

**Welcome to the next level**

This month we welcome the following KCFB members who joined our organization or reclassified their membership in August to \*Regular or Professional Status:

**Regular Members**

- Larry Graf
- Christopher Mangers
- Rosewood Farm
- Billy Moore
- Pingree Grove
- Maple Park
- Sugar Grove
- Aurora

We remind you of added perks that accompany your new Regular member or Professional Status and thank you for supporting KCFB's efforts at advocacy, education and hunger relief:

- Professional networking opportunities & engagement with farmers
- Agriculture, farm & food news delivered to your door
- New subscription to FarmWeek, the largest weekly agriculture newspaper
- Access to FarmWeekNow.com

- KCFB voting rights & ILFB delegate opportunities
- Continuing subscription to the Kane County Farmer newspaper
- Free annual registration at one of 7 statewide conferences

- 302,000 member discounts, including Ford, Lincoln, John Deere, Case IH, restaurants, hotels & travel
- Discounts at the KCFB Country Store on in-house sales of featured local foods

*\*KCFB Regular membership is required of all who join our association that have a vested interest in and receive income from the production of farm products as an owner or operator of a farm business. Professional Membership status is available for all those employed in agriculture-related occupations, even with no farm income. If you are interested in "next level" membership and the benefits it carries, please contact KCFB in St. Charles at (630) 584-8660.*



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# Mr. Tornado

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response to wind speeds and damage patterns detected during now routine surveys in the aftermath of tornadoes. He also developed the concept of multiple vortex tornadoes.

Fujita also had an enormous contribution to airline safety. In 1975, he was contacted by

Eastern Airlines after their Flight 66 crashed at New York's JFK Airport, killing 122 people. The airline industry had been roiled by a series of large commercial jets with experienced crews seemingly dropping out of the sky without cause, while planes before and after the doomed flights landed safely.

Fujita leapt into full detective mode, reviewing radar images,

# Recruiter of the Month

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



**Felipe Rocha**

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

Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations on your success!

# What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

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

Orazio Difruscolo has been named the Rep of the Month for July 2021 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. Orazio has provided tangible plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of his clients through COUNTRY Financial's diverse products and services: Auto, Farm, Home, Life, Business, Retirement. Let Orazio's expertise help you! You may reach Orazio at 630-549-7696, [orazio.difruscolo@countryfinancial.com](mailto:orazio.difruscolo@countryfinancial.com), or <https://representatives.countryfinancial.com/orazio>.

*difruscolo*. Congratulations, Orazio!

**Aurora Agency, Alonzo Nevarez, Agency Manager**

Ryan Mizgate, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for July 2021. Ryan began his career with COUNTRY Financial in June of 2014 and services clients out of his office located at: 1161 Oak Street, North Aurora, 60542, (630) 907-9485.

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

flight records, nearby weather patterns and interviewing the pilots of planes that had landed safely. He suspected a phenomenon called a "downburst" that was small enough to not be picked up by the airport weather monitors – a "microburst."

The concept was met with skepticism but after years of collecting data and eventually, enough evidence of microbursts, his findings were taken seriously and adopted by the National Transportation Safety Board. The NTSB instituted the installation of Doppler radars at major airports, pilot training instruction and mandatory pre-flight checks for wind shear. There has not been a U.S. microburst-related plane crash since 1994, undoubtedly saving hundreds or thousands of lives.

We now have a much better understanding of the weather patterns that lead to tornado development and microbursts, better radar depiction of tornado paths as they occur, and substantial early warnings of possible tornadic weather, fortified by "crawls" on TV, warnings on radio and alerts on our smart devices. A lot of the tornado folklore from my childhood has been debunked by science led by Dr. Fujita and continued since his death in 1998. All of this may explain why the death toll from tornadoes has dropped dramatically over the past few decades.

So even though tornadoes like the recent EF-1 (86-110 MPH winds) funnels in Sycamore and Burlington still clench my gut and make me pace the house with anxiety, I

am grateful to Dr. Fujita for his tenacity in unraveling violent weather phenomena, saving lives in the process and easing my terror of tornadic weather ... a little bit.



*Twister on the ground in Sycamore! Kelcee Miller's brother, Maxx and his wife, Catherine, captured this video and photos of the August 9th EF-1 tornado near their home on Bethany Road.*

# ~~~~ 2021 Bucket Raffle Winners ~~~~

The following Kane County Fair goers won prizes in the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation Bucket Raffle during the July fair. Our thanks to the wonderful prize donors who helped make our bucket raffle a success and congratulations and thank you to all winners for helping support the Foundation.

| Bucket No.: | Donor:   | Prize:  | Winner Name:      | Town:         |
|-------------|--|---|-------------------|---------------|
| 1           | Target   |   | Jeff Gainey       | St. Charles   |
| 2           | Kane County Farm Bureau FunWay                               | Tractor Pillow Pet (2) FREE Skating Admission for 4                                       | Ruth Weber        | Hampshire     |
| 3           | Grow Geneva  | Planter + \$25 gift certificate   | Jaki Herrmann     | Elgin         |
| 4           | Craig & Angie Bradley  | John Deere 1915 Model "R" Waterloo Boy  | Brad Sepper       | West Chicago  |
| 5           | Lowe's St. Charles Park District                             | Nerf Trampoline Paddle Ball Set (2) FREE passes to Otter Cove, River Boats, & Mini Golf   | Britni Petrizzi   | Geneva        |
| 6           | Ream's   | \$50 gift card/Ream's Rub/Ream's Anything Rub, Mug  | Sue Auer          | Bartlett      |
| 7           | Kane County Farm Bureau                                      | Horse Farm Hopper   | Miranda Schramer  | Maple Park    |
| 8           | Nick's Pizza & Pub Sugar Grove Family Fun Ctr.               | \$30 Certificate (2) FREE Mini Golf Rounds  | Jim Feuerborn     | Campton Hills |
| 9           | Paisano's Pizza & Grill                                      | Dessert Pie of the Month for a Year Certificate   | Julie Kneip       | St. Charles   |
| 10          | Kane County Farm Bureau                                      | Western Ranch Toy Set   | Jason Vehrs       | Belvidere     |
| 11          | Kane County Farm Bureau Kuipers                              | Cuddle Cow (1) FREE Train Ride, (1) FREE Pumpkin Farm Admission                           | Becky Vehrs       | Kingston      |
| 12          | Nothing Bundt Cakes  | \$44 Gift Certificate   | Cindy Dean        | Sycamore      |
| 13          | Craig & Angie Bradley Kuipers                                | John Deere Mug (2) FREE Dozen Donuts  | Shantelle Fenzel  | Elgin         |
| 14          | Mike Wurtz   | \$30 Culvers Gift Card  | Angela Gladhill   | Sterling      |
| 15          | Target St. Charles Bowl                                      | Kids Bowling Set Family Funpack Certificate   | Sarah Tracey      | —             |
| 16          | Kane County Farm Bureau                                      | Teepie Barn Memorabilia   | Jen Haviland      | Plato Center  |
| 17          | Fast Frame   | (2) Framed Floral Pictures  | Becky Mish        | Elgin         |
| 18          | Mike Wurtz   | \$30 Buona Beef Gift Card   | Sandy Koukol Kirk | Elgin         |
| 19          | Kane County Farm Bureau Nick's Pizza & Pub                   | (2) Illinois Farm Bureau hats (1) \$30 Gift Certificate                                   | Harry Zelek       | Maple Park    |
| 20          | Craig & Angie Bradley  | (2) Hand Painted Farm Scene Décor   | Bernie Boer       | Plato Center  |
| 21          | Kane County Farm Bureau Sugar Grove Family Fun Ctr.          | (1) Tractor Pillow Pet (2) FREE Rounds of Mini Golf                                       | Nancy Heine       | Hampshire     |
| 22          | Centre of Elgin  | Individual 3-Month Silver Membership  | CJ Johnson        | Elgin         |
| 23          | Costco   | \$50 Gift Card  | Denise Ramm       | Maple Park    |
| 24          | Eddie Gaedel Pub & Grill                                     | FREE Appetizer & Drinks EACH month for a Year!  | Erica Herring     | Batavia       |
| 25          | Target   | Giant Inflatable Soccer Set   | Deborah Boyce     | Elgin         |
| 26          | Graham's Fine Chocolates & Drinks Country House              | \$30 Gift Card \$25 Certificate   | Glenn Haneberg    | St. Charles   |
| 27          | Kane County Farm Bureau                                      | McCormick 1000 Piece Puzzle & John Deere Checkers   | Matt Trapp        | Nauvoo        |
| 28          | Café Roma  | \$30 Gift Card  | Brad Sepper       | West Chicago  |
| 29          | Craig & Angie Bradley Kuipers                                | John Deere Memorabilia (1) FREE U-Pic Apples, (2) Pumpkin Farm Admin, (1) FREE train ride | Chuck Pollack     | Plainfield    |
| 30          | Dave Klussendorf   | (2) Amish Made Potholders   | Kayla Debelich    | Maple Park    |
| 31          | Kane County Farm Bureau                                      | Case Farm Toy Playset   | Nancy Meyer       | Hampshire     |
| 32          | St. Charles Park District Kane County Farm Bureau            | (2) FREE Passes to River Boats & Otter Cove Passes Tractor Pillow Pet                     | Lisa Geisler      | West Dundee   |
| 33          | Target St. Charles Park District Sugar Grove Family Fun Ctr. | 40 Piece Chalk Set (2) Mini Golf Passes (2) Mini Golf Passes                              | Justyna Kudra     | Hanover Park  |
| 34          | Country House Kane County FB Foundation                      | \$25 Certificate (2) KCFB Foundation Hats   | Nora Endzel       | Campton Hills |
| 35          | Kane County Farm Bureau                                      | John Deere Toy Set  | Elizabeth Straw   | Poplar Grove  |
| 36          | Kuipers Craig & Angie Bradley                                | U-Pic Apples, (1) Pumpkin Farm Admission Woven Basket with Lid                            | Sandy Gould       | Maple Park    |
| 37          | Craig & Angie Bradley  | 1938 Oliver Tractor   | Judy Umodenstock  | Cherry Valley |
| 38          | Meadow View Veterinary Clinic                                | (2) FREE pet exams, Water Bottle, & Pet Goodies   | Tom Farrell       | Geneva        |
| 39          | Obscurity Brewing  | (2) FREE Growler Refill Coupons, T-Shirt & Hat  | J. Lawson         | —             |
| 40          | Hill's Country Store   | Basket of snacks + store coupons  | Laci              | —             |
| 41          | Heinz Brother Greenhouse Garden Center                       | Piggy Planter + \$30 gift card  | Vicky Carr        | Elburn        |
| 42          | Country Donuts   | Donut Coupons   | Matt Hulsey       | St. Charles   |
| 43          | C & C Mulch  | Grilling Tools & Accessories  | Mike Urlacher     | Frankfort     |
| 44          | Wayne Schneider & Lisa Geisler                               | Car Care Kit  | Mark Wlodarski    | Campton Hills |
| 45          | Wayne Schneider & Lisa Geisler                               | Old Guys Rule Gift Bag – T-shirt, hat, movies   | Chuck Pollack     | Plainfield    |

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### SERVICES

Want to buy vintage & used tools Also, we do cleanouts. Call Chris – 630 550 7182

### FOR SALE

1978 IH 1440 Combine with 820 15' Grain Table, \$3,000; 12' x 7' hay rack, 7 ton gear. Call 630-485-1180

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# Scholarship recipients recognized

Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation's 2021-22 Scholarship recipients were recognized prior to a Kane County Cougars game and volunteer appreciation event in August. Traditionally recognized at the conclusion of Touch-A-Tractor in April, this year's event was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

With many students having already returned to school for the fall semester, the August presentations welcomed 5 of the 14 recipients, along with their parents, to receive certificates, public recognition and enjoy dinner and a ballgame courtesy of the KCFB Foundation. The names of all recipients,

hometowns, college or University, field of study, the name of the scholarship and award amounts are listed below.

The five recipients present are pictured at right and below.

KCFB Foundation Scholars: (top row, left to right): Lauren Arbir, Catherine Austin. Bottom row, left to right: Grant Baldrige, Jessica Dumoulin, and Tyler Ekstrom received certificates from KCFB Foundation Vice-President Wayne Schneider in front of 100 guests at the Kane County Farm Bureau's volunteer appreciation event on August 6 at the Kane County Cougars Northwestern Field. The five were among 14 recipients of college scholarships for 2021-22 from the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation.



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## 2021 KCFB Foundation scholarship recipients

| Scholarship recipient | City        | School/Degree   | Scholarship            | Amount  |
|-----------------------|-------------|---|------------------------|---------|
| Sophia McComb         | Sycamore    | Cornell Univ. – Applied Economics & Mgmt                      | AGCO Parts Platinum    | \$2,500 |
| Jack Yore             | Elburn      | Montana State U. – Ag Business                                | AGCO Parts             | \$1,000 |
| Tyler Ekstrom         | Sycamore    | Iowa State University – Agribusiness                          | AGCO Parts             | \$1,000 |
| Kyla Baldrige         | Elburn      | University Of Wyoming – Watershed Mgmt                        | AGCO Parts AGWN        | \$1,000 |
| Anastasia Kurth       | Geneva      | University of Wisconsin-Platteville – Soil & Crop Science     | AGCO Parts AGWN        | \$1,000 |
| Grant Baldrige        | Elburn      | Montana State University – Ag Engineering                     | President's            | \$1,500 |
| Austin D Cook         | Malta       | Hobart Inst of Welding Tech – Welding Certification           | John Buck Memorial     | \$1,500 |
| Catherine Austin      | Harvard     | University of Wisconsin-Platteville Agribusiness & Accounting | John Buck Memorial     | \$1,500 |
| Jessica E Dumoulin    | Hampshire   | Elgin Community College – Mechanical Engineering              | Chuck Swanson Memorial | \$1,250 |
| Mitchell M Majewski   | St. Charles | Western Illinois University – Ag Business                     | General Agriculture    | \$1,250 |
| Lauren E. Arbir       | St. Charles | University of Missouri – Environmental Science                | General Agriculture    | \$1,250 |
| Katie Dunteman        | Elburn      | Colorado State University Mechanical Engineering              | General Agriculture    | \$1,250 |
| Shelby Hannula        | Elburn      | Illinois State University – Ag Business                       | General Agriculture    | \$1,250 |
| Evelyn Schmitz        | Batavia     | Ball State University – Audio Engineering                     | General                | \$1,000 |

## Tractor Mac opens the door for a hands-on experience

Summer is an exciting time when families fill their schedules with fun activities and there's nothing like a trip to the farm. An impromptu learning lesson happened recently, as Cade, age 6, passed by Bronkberry Farms in Plainfield with one of his favorite books in hand.

Cade, like many young boys, loves tractors. He is fortunate to have close family friend, Nancy Hickok, who works as an office assistant in the St. Charles/Elgin COUNTRY Financial Agency office. Nancy frequently buys books for Cade from the Country Store at the Kane County Farm Bureau. The books in the *Tractor Mac* series are his favorites.

While passing the farm recently, Cade had his *Tractor Mac* "Tune Up" book in hands. The illustrated children's book features a red anthropo-

morphic tractor, much like an early Farmall. And what luck! While passing the farm he spotted a nearly identical tractor, and farmer/owner Kevin Veen too!

Farmer Kevin was more than happy to show Cade his 1946 Farmall M. He also used the *Tractor Mac* book and the diagrams inside the front and rear covers to point out the various parts and components to the young tractor enthusiast. Who knows, he may have inspired a budding tractor mechanic?

Kane County Farm Bureau salutes Kevin Veen and the countless farmers like him who

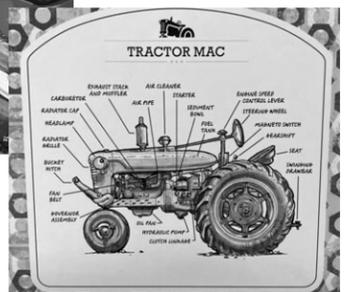
are eager and willing to make time to explain their farms, equipment and lifestyle to neighbors young and old. It's one of the reasons that farms and farmers are consistently ranked among the most respected and trusted professions and professionals.

Agriculture is a vital part of American life, past, present and future. The *Tractor Mac* book series is not only well written and beautifully illustrated, but as Cade's experience shows, it can provide opportunity to learn about life on the farm. For city dwellers or the farming community, these books are wonderful to learn all about all the adventures of Tractor Mac and his friends!

The KCFB sells *Tractor Mac* and a variety of titles in our KCFB Country Store. Stop by and browse at your convenience.



Farmer Kevin Veen poses with Cade in front of a 1946 Farmall M after showing him the rear tires, carburetor and other parts as illustrated on the rear cover of the book *Tractor Mac*. Veen was kind enough to show the young tractor enthusiast all of the parts identified in the child's favorite book when the family happened past Bronkberry Farms in Plainfield last month. (photos courtesy of Nancy Hickok)



## KCFB Foundation Junk 'n Your Trunk Sale

Calling all treasure huntin' & garage sailin' junkies to come on out to your one stop shop at the first ever Kane County Farm Bureau Junk 'N Your Trunk Garage Sale in the KCFB parking lot on

**Saturday, September 25 from 9am – 2pm**

Interested in being a vendor? Sell your items right out of the back of your car or set up shop right next to it. Space is limited. To register, please visit the KCFB office or call 630-584-8660. The cost is \$10 for KCFB members per parking spot with a 3 space max & \$15 per space for non-members. Deadline to register is Monday, September 20th by 4:30pm. Please see below for rules and registration info.

Registration fees benefit KCFB Foundation and its mission to support Ag Scholarships and Ag Literacy programs for Kane County.

### Rules:

- \$10/space (KCFB members), \$15 (non-members). Vendors may park in space(s) and sell from vehicle, or setup merchandise in space (no tables provided).
- No vendor vehicles will be permitted to enter parking lot after exiting.
- A maximum of 3 spaces will be allowed per vendor.
- No commercial vendors, or packaged food products, or home-made baked goods.
- Vendor will be responsible for set-up, tear down and display and removal of all unsold products and garbage from their parking space(s).
- Vendor must provide your register and/or payment system. KCFB will not provide change.
- Vendors not wishing to reserve a space to sell from a vehicle are asked to set-up prior to 9am and move vehicle from sale parking lot to adjacent lot.
- Canopies must be secured by vendor. Experience is not necessary, if you have not taken part in a sale before, we would love to have you join the fun!

## Junk 'n Your Trunk REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

FB member  Non-member No. of spaces (limit 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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