Snapshots from SAI

Teachers Trina Schaschwary (left) and Kathryn Linneman share a laugh while felting wool at Esther’s Place Fibers, one of the 15 stops on the 2011 Summer Ag Institute tour. Teachers Trina Schaschwary (left) and Kathryn Linneman share a laugh while felting wool at Esther’s Place Fibers, one of the 15 stops on the 2011 Summer Ag Institute tour.

DATES TO REMEMBER
July 4 & 5 Office Closed for Holiday
July 7 Board of Directors, 7:30 pm
July 10 John Buck Memorial
Golf Outing, Marengo
July 18 Fair Set-up, Young Farmers/FFA – 6pm
July 20-24 Kane County Fair
July 25-26 County FB Presidents Conf.
July 27 IFB Commodities Conf.

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Each box is selling for $17.50 to plus members and $18.50 for A or M members, available only during the month of July or while supply lasts.

Apply for 2011 GrassRoots Issue Teams

GRITs teams meet twice a year. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in Bloomington with the second meeting scheduled next March as determined by the committee. Additional meetings, either in person or by conference call, may be considered as needed. IFB reimburses appropriate expenses including mileage for the two scheduled meetings.

Interested members should contact Kane County Farm Bureau or visit www.ifb.org to obtain an application. GRITs members will be announced in October.

Applying for 2011 GrassRoots Issue Teams provides members opportunities to address emerging policy issues as well as identify new educational programs. The goal is to increase farm income for members. The eight teams are conservation and natural resources; crop production and trade; equine; livestock and dairy; renewable resources and energy; risk management and farm programs; rural life; specialty crops and labor.

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Register NOW for ‘Hungry Planet,’ KCFB’s Summer Ag Institute II

The Kane County Farm Bureau has an exciting opportunity for area teachers to learn “What the World Eats” and examine cultural differences in food and health practices around the globe, and what U.S. farmers are doing to meet world food demand.

Ag Literacy Coordinator Suzi Myers has organized the curriculum and tours of this four day course around the theme “Hungry Planet” to offer perspectives on cultural differences in food, diet, nutrition and health. The course will give teachers a look at the techniques and farming practices used by farmers to feed a growing world population, and how world food demand affects us all.

Tour participants will see

- The Kane County Farm Bureau needs your help ... to bring rural life in Illinois into focus. It’s easy. Send in the “Super Slurper” foam made from corn and used in environmental clean-ups, as part of the in-classroom training during the week long Summer Ag Institute. The 2011 Institute is the 13th conducted by Kane County Farm Bureau. An advanced course, Summer Ag Institute II was added for teachers in 2010.

- ‘Hungry Planet’ – see page 7 to order for your classroom. A surprise activity is also scheduled for the teachers.

- Summer Ag Institute is scheduled for August 8-11. Only teachers who have completed the Summer Ag Institute and Kane County agricultural tour for teachers are invited to participate.

- Teachers can apply for two graduate credit hours in cooperation with Aurora University, or Continuing Professional Development Units. Contact Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 for more information or visit www.kanefer.org to register.

IL Farm Bureau member photo contest

Local to Global: Knowledge is Power® is the theme for the 2011 Illinois Farm Bureau Commodities Conference scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2011. The event will be held at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 201 Broadway Avenue, Normal with sessions beginning at 8:45 a.m. and concluding at 4:15 p.m.

The conference will feature an opening general session on using knowledge and technology in local to global consumer choices. The featured speaker for that session will be Grady Bishop, Director of U.S. Swine Business of Elanco. He will examine consumer buying and purchasing trends, food marketing trends, and agricultural production. He will also explore the modern myth that consumers do not want modern, efficient technology used in food production.

Sixteen breakout sessions will center around topics including the weather, animal rights, international trade, environmental regulations, fertilizer future contracts, and media skills. The closing presenter will be Jerry Carroll, an ag humorist.

The commodities conference is intended for farmers, producers and professionals in the agricultural industry. Cost is $35 per person and includes lunch. Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration information (including on-line registration) is available at www.ifb.org. On-site registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. the day of the event.

Savor the sweetness of summer with luscious FRESH PEACHES – see page 7 to order

Kane County Fair Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 20 – 5 pm
Thursday, July 21 – 7 pm
Friday, July 22 – 7 pm
Saturday, July 23 – 2pm & 7pm
Sunday, July 24 – 2pm & 7pm

Kane County Fair Speed Show
Tyrone Problems
International Truck Pull
Championships
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Big Hat Rodeo
Rodeo
Smash Em Bash
Em Competition

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Local student selected to serve on National AFA Student Advisory Team

Wayne Gehrke, of Elgin, has been selected as a member of the 2011-12 Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Student Advisory Team. Gehrke, along with eight other college students from across the nation, will serve as an ambassador to the organization and help develop the strategic direction for the organization in the coming year. Members of the team will also help plan and deliver the AFA Leaders Conference held annually in November.

Gehrke is a junior at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, majoring in crop sciences with a minor in technical systems management. He was selected for this elite leadership team based on his passion for agriculture and academic achievements and leadership activities. This summer, Gehrke will intern for Elburn Coop in Sycamore.

Gehrke and other team members met for the first time in mid-May, and will continue to meet monthly with AFA stakeholders and to work diligently to plan the AFA Leaders Conference, Nov. 3-6, 2011. The conference is expected to take place at 500 colleges and universities from across the nation.

“AFA provides leader development opportunities for passionate and committed young people in agriculture, who will one day lead the industry,” Gehrke said. “During my time on the Student Advisory Team, I would like to increase awareness of AFA programs at the University of Illinois and within the agricultural community. Students gain so much from the program, and its continuation and future successes are very important to me.”

In addition to planning the Leaders Conference, Student Advisory Team members have the opportunity to work with corporate and association leaders, be exposed to career opportunities, take on leadership roles and receive media and communications training. Team members also have the AFA Student Advisory Team academic scholarship.
Chicago-area moms needed for farm visits and blogs

Illinois Farm Bureau children of families under- stand that consumers have ques- tions about how their food is grown and raised. “We’re offering Chicago-area Moms the opportunity to become Field Moms to visit our farms, get their questions answered and see firsthand how we grow food for our families and yours,” says Illinois Farm Bureau families spokesperson Donna Jeschke, who grows corn and soybeans in Grundy County, Illinois.

Illinois Farm Families will equip the Field Moms with video cameras and let them record and share what they see and learn. Their videos, stories and photos will be available to everyone on www.watchusgrow.org.

Field Moms publicly 

In addition to having their videos, photos and comments featured on www.watchusgrow.org, Field Moms also will be participating in media interviews, blogging about their experiences, and appearing in other publicity material. Field Moms also should be prepared to write journal and blog entries about their experiences for Twitter and Facebook.

What to expect as a Field Mom

- Chicago-area Moms can apply for the opportunity to become a Field Mom at www.watchusgrow.org. To be eligible, a Mom must be an Illinois resident at least 18 years of age, at least 12 years old, able to visit at least one farm in Illinois at least once a month, and live within driving distance of the farm.
- The KCFB Foundation will be conducting our annual Bucket Raffle. Raffles will be available to everyone on www.watchusgrow.org.
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- What to expect as a Field Mom

- Bring the kids by from 1-3 p.m. for a fun, hands-on agri-learning experience brought to you by the KCFB Women’s Committee and the Country Store.
- Search the fairgrounds for farm animal stamp locations and answer farm-related questions to complete the “Farm Facts & Fun Search” for our families and yours,” says Illinois Farm Families spokesperson Donna Jeschke, who grows corn and soybeans in Grundy County, Illinois.

Sweepstakes for FREE Groceries for a Year

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Farm Zoo

Wed.-Sat. – Noon - 4 p.m. • Sun. – Noon - 5 p.m

Kids can see farm animals including a miniature horse, goats and a lamb.

Farm Facts & Fun Scavenger Hunt

Wed.-Sun. – 1-3 p.m & 5-7 p.m

Search the fairgrounds for farm animal stamp locations and answer farm-related questions to complete the “Farm Facts & Fun Scavenger Hunt!” Brave adventurers 10 and under who complete the challenge return to the Farm Bureau booth for a FREE ice cream cone! Pick up entry forms at the Farm Bureau or at the Farm Bureau booth at the fair.

Country Store

Wed. - Sat. – Noon - 8 p.m • Sunday – Noon - 5 p.m

Choose from agricultural themed items that can include John Deere and Case IH farm toys, children’s books, farm-themed crafts, reproduction farm toys, Farm Bureau logo wear, ag-themed coloring books, and more.

Ag-in-the-Classroom activities

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Raffles

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

Daily drawings for Farm Bureau pork chops, chicken breasts, and hamburgers. Enter a KCFB members-only raffle to win a BBQ grill.

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

Ethanol fuel could produce 50 billion quarter pounders, report says

Fuel and feed are at the heart of American ethanol production today. As one of the largest feed producing segments in the US, the ethanol industry is providing increasing volumes of highly nutritious livestock feed for domestic and international mar- kets alike, according to a new analysis from the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) enti- tled “Feeding a Nation; Feeding the World.”

Too often, discussions of the ethanol industry’s impact on global grain use forget to recog- nize the fact that the grain ethanol process results in renewable fuel and highly nutri- tious animal feed. In modern ethanol production processes, one-third of every bushel of corn used is returned to the live- stock feed market. Ethanol pro- duction requires only the starch portion of a corn kernel. The remaining protein, fat, fiber, and other nutrients are returned to livestock feeders.

According to the RFA report, America’s ethanol producers supplied nearly 35 million metric tons (mm) of livestock feed in the 2009/2010 marketing year (the agricultural marketing year is from September 1 to August 31 of the following year). By volume, such produc- tion is greater than the total amount of grain consumed by all of the beef cattle in the nation’s feedlots.

For the current 2010/2011 marketing year, feed production from the ethanol industry is pro- duced on a little more than one-third of the 39 39 mm of livestock feed production by US ethanol biorefineries is broken down to a number of products depending upon the process used to produce ethanol. The vast majority of this feed is called distillers grains. Distillers grains come in various forms but make up more than 90 percent of the product produced. Other segments of the market include corn gluten feed and corn gluten meal.

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O June 5, I participated in the Big Rock 6:05-11 celebra-
tion. It was a very special day for Big Rock, as the date
was the same as their zip code! So the community decided to
celebrate the day by having a barbecue and antique car, truck
and tractor show. The Historical Society, Lions Club, police,
firemen, the Library and many others joined forces to make the
day a success. I helped children make a 0511 bracelet and a
the sheep that had a wool body and

Book of the Month

Did you know that a cucumber
is a great source of vitamins A, C, calcium, and potassium. Or did you know that you should not wash sour cherries
to prevent juices until you are ready to use them? How would you go about freezing
peaches? By looking through Farmer's Market Guide
and Cookbook, you would find all these facts.

The first part of the book gives you an alphabetical list of
things you could find in the farmer’s markets, the season
they would be available, as well as
as nutrients found in them, how to pick the best pieces, if you should refrigerate the purchase or not, could it be frozen and
then the shelf life of the product.

Thanks to a request years ago by Bob Konen and Dean Dunn
that Kane County Farm Bureau start a library of agriculturally themed books for public use, we have an ever-growing selection of titles.

Local Recycling roundup

Used Oil Collection
Kane County will not con-
duct a summer used oil drop-off this
day due to staff changes.
For small quantities of used oil,
15 locations in Kane County
accept motor oil (up to five
gallons per visit), during regular
business hours. Auto Zone (N.
East Dundee); Valvoline Instant
Oil Change (Route 68, Carpentersville);
Elgin; E. Galena Blvd., Aurora);
Management (Route 25, Elgin);
Elgin; N. Liberty St., Elgin).
South Elgin; E. Larkin Ave.,
Rd., Batavia; McLean Blvd.,
Lake St., Aurora; N. Randall
and Advance Auto Parts (N.

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KANE COUNTY FARMER
memory of Bob, her late hus-
band, to our SPROUTS pro-
gram. Alyce has helped us out
before with monetary help, while her daughter is one of our
SPROUTS volunteers each year. People like them make this program possible.

Another thank you goes out to the family of Art Weissman for
the direction of memorial funds to our embryology program. We
will be assessing the program to see where the money is best uti-
lized in Mr. Weisbrook’s honor. I thank his family for “thinking
out of the box” as to what he would have liked done with
contributions. I’m going to close my article
this month with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: “What
is a weed? It is a plant whose virtues have not yet been dis-
covered.” A good thing to remember when “weeding” the
garden this month... wonder what the virtues of Creeping
Charlie are? Enjoy the beauty of summer.

Thanks ...
Summer Ag Institute 2011 was a success due to the many volunteers and sites we visited. KCFB
thanks these people for their dedication to agricultural education. You are greatly appreciated.

Dundtuman Turf Farms – Bill Dundtuman
Ream’s Elburn Market – Randy Ream
Gould Farms – Eldon, Sandy & Chris Gould
Esther’s Place – Donna and Natasha Leher
Klein’s Farm – Matt & Dan Klein
Buck Bros. Inc. – Ambrose Sydler & Dave Gieski
Nesler Farms – Jeff Nesler & family
Engel’s Dairy Farm – Beth Engel & family
U of I St. Charles Horticulture Research Center –
Bill Shoemaker
Midwest GroundCover – Greg Nichols
Fermilab – Bob Loostren & Sue Sherelan
Patterson’s Bee Farm – Harry Patterson

Central Illinois Cream – Rick Rittgarn
AquaVina Winery – Denise Mosca

Pork Producers – Kayla Meyer
Illinois Soybean Association – Janet Hodel
Joliet Jr. College/Careers – Bill Johnson
Illinois Beef Association – Jay Ilff
FIB Ag-in-the-Classroom – Jackie Jones

What's your idea of financial security?

IDAg Agrichemical Container Recycling
Local Single Day Collection Sites:
Date Time Location Contact Phone
August 10 1-3 pm Corner's FS, Marmigo
August 11 9-11 am Hintzsche Fertilizer, Kirkland
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1. Start a library of agriculturally themed books for public use.
2. Encourage farmers to save rather than discard empty agrichemical containers.
3. Collaborate with other agricultural organizations to promote recycling efforts.
Farm Facts & Fun

Farmers’ Markets

Farmers’ markets are important, nationwide outlets for agricultural producers to increase marketing opportunities; nearly 3,000 farmers’ markets across the country offer consumers farm-fresh, affordable, convenient, and healthy products such as: fruits, vegetables, cheeses, herbs, fish, flowers, baked goods, meat and much more.

Farmers’ markets serve as integral links between urban, suburban, and rural communities, attracting farmers and their consumers the opportunity to interact; the popularity of farmers’ markets continues to rise, as more and more consumers discover the joys of shopping for unique ingredients sold direct from the farm, and the pleasure of buying familiar products in their freshest possible state.

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Fun Facts About the Food We Eat...

Lettuce is a member of the sunflower family. In the U.S., lettuce is the second most popular fresh vegetable. Apples are a member of the rose family. The name asparagus comes from the Greek language and means “sprout” or “shoot.” Asparagus is a member of the Lily family and is related to onions, leeks, and garlic.

Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites. It was believed that Henry David Thoreau wrote about a pumpkin’s growing power. Pumpkins are a type of squash and belong to the Cucurbitaceae family, which also includes: cucumbers, gourds, melons, pumpkins and squash.

Farmers grown corn on every continent except Antarctica. Each American consumes, on average, 53 pounds of bread per year.

Discover the Bounty of Kane

Marinated Mushrooms and Tomatoes
12 oz. fresh mushrooms
4 Tbs. lemon juice (divided)
2 cups cherry tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped green onion
1/2 tsp. chives
2 Tbs. chopped parsley
1/2 cup oil
1 Tbs. Dijon mustard
1 Tbs. hairstyle mayonnaise
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. pepper
9 tomatoes with 2 Tbs. lemon juice. Add tomatoes, onion, and parsley. Combine. 2 Tbs. lemon juice with rest of ingredients. Pour over vegetables. Chill 1 to 2 hours.

The Kane County Farm Bureau Young Farmers gathered recently for a barbecue at the Biddle’s Windle Oak Farm in Elburn. The group of 15-35 year olds made plans for activities at the Kane County Fair. Formed teams for upcoming Illinois Farm Bureau contests. A group discussed the progress of this year’s Young Leaders Harvest for ALL hunger relief effort. They also kicked off the summer season with a Pork Chop BBQ. This combination program planning and social event was a chance for these young Ag industry leaders to map out the year’s activities and discuss new ideas. Call the Farm Bureau at 630-584-6680 if you’d like to get involved with the Young Farmers Committee. New faces are always welcome!

Congratulations!

Patricia Dawson of Aurora. Patricia’s name was chosen from the entries received for company completing last months’ Search Puzzle. For her participation, she receives two kitchen sink bonuses. Please complete and return to the Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 by July 15, 2011 for your chance to win $20 in Kane County Farmer’s Market Bucks that spend like cash at participating vendors at Kane County Farmer’s markets and roadside stands.

Farmers’ Shopping Tips

• Get to the Market when it opens to find the best selection and the freshest produce.
• Bring your own canvas shopping bag or basket from home.
• Buy something you haven’t tried before. The Farmers’ Market is the perfect place to learn about new foods. Vendors will be happy to advise you how to select and prepare it.
• Wear walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather.
• Make sure to ask questions of the vendors when you see unfamiliar produce. Vendors and farmers love to share their knowledge and can even give you recipes and cooking tips.
• Go with an open mind – don’t make a plan until after you see what’s there.
• If you can, jot down what’s available and go home and think about what you can do with the produce. Then go back and make your purchases.

Savor the Bounty of Kane

Ilinois is... National Ice Cream Month • National Blueberry Month

July 3 – Eat Beans Day
July 4 – National Caesar Salad Day
July 7 – National Strawberry Sundae Day
July 25 – National Hot Fudge Sundae Day

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Farmers’ markets are one of the oldest forms of direct marketing by small farmers. Farmers’ markets are a traditional way of selling agricultural and home manufactured products. A weekly market day is a part of normal life in villages and towns throughout the United States. A good way for a traveler to sample local foods and learn about local culture is to attend market day, especially when it coincides with a festival, such as the festivities in many towns in Latin America. From the traditional “mercados” in the Peruvian Andes to the unique street markets in Asia, growers all over the world gather weekly to sell their produce directly to the public.

In the last decade they have become a favorite marketing method for many farmers throughout the United States, and a weekly ritual for many shoppers.
Women’s Corner
By Louise Johnson
Women's Committee Chair
Summer seems to be going very fast! I hope you’re enjoying it! Farmers’ markets have opened. You can go to www.bountyofkane.org for a directory of Kane County farms that sell directly to consumers. There is also a map with the locations of the Women’s Committee recipe brochure, “Favorite Fruit & Vegetable Recipes,” will be available at many of the stands. Be sure to try some of the recipes for delicious additions to your table! I have a recipe below from our 1997 brochure.

At the June Women’s Committee meeting, Dorothy Rohrsmann was asked to continue as our secretary. Thank you, Dorothy!

Do you pay extra for hormone-free eggs? The use of hormones in poultry has been banned since the 1980s. However, many people prefer eggs just collected on a local farm. They are happy to pay a premium price for these fresh eggs.

A clothing drop-off box has appeared on my normal driving route. As I drive by I cannot see any charity organization listed to receive the donations. If you want to donate clothing or household goods, make sure you are donating to legitimate charitable organizations, not a group that will resell your “gently used clothes” for their own profit!

I did not have an article last month, but there were space constraints and it was my turn to be ‘bumped.’ Here is the recipe that would have been published:

Glazed Fruit Salad

Use 12 cups of mixed fruit. Use fresh fruit in season. Suggestions: seedless red and green grapes, red apples, strawberries, canned, tangelo, honeydew, nectarines, peaches, seedless oranges. Dice fruit into half-inch pieces.

Combine the juice and the pudding and cool until a thick glaze forms. Chill in the refrigerator. Pour glaze over fruit just before serving. Mix lightly. Serves 12.
KCFB says ‘thanks’ with Cougars Night

Right: Kane County Farm Bureau hosted a night at the ballpark in June to say thanks to all the people who help our organization achieve its goals and activities successfully throughout the year. More than 100 people turned out, including Farm Bureau volunteers, Harvest for ALL donors and COUNTRY Financial agents. Guests watched the Kane County Cougars take on the Clinton Lumberkings, and were treated to a ballpark meal, door-prizes and a fireworks show. This was a perfect way for Farm Bureau members and contributors to kick back and kick off the summer season. Below: The Farm Bureau kicked off a voting membership drive at the game. KCFB Manager Steve Arnold outlined the rules, explaining that volunteered will complete several tasks to help recruit the most active members between June 17 and August 4. The membership drive will wrap up with a ‘Beef, Burger or Beans’ BBQ at the Farm Bureau office on August 4. (Signing two or more members earns a steak dinner, a burger for ‘f. & steaks’ or a dinner of franks and beans.) Call KCFB at 630-584-8660 if you’d like to participate. Incentives are offered for farm members who sign up during the membership drive, including gift certificates that spend like cash at Kane County Farm Bureau and at local Farmer’s Markets.

Kujuwa honored by COUNTRY

COUNTRY Financial Agency Manager David Kujawa of Geneva has earned a position on the insurance industry’s distinguished American team. Kujawa is among a group of more than 300 COUNTRY Financial’s financial representatives and agency managers who qualified for the award. COUNTRY has more than 2,000 financial representatives and agency managers in 14 states. This is the third time he has been named an All American – he joined the agency force in 20172 Blackberry Drive, Unit 100, Geneva. All American is awarded each year by COUNTRY to financial representatives and agency managers who have excelled in identifying insurance products and financial solutions that fit the needs of their clients. Agency managers and financial representatives who receive the award provide outstanding service to their clients. “The All American is among the highest honor a COUNTRY financial representative or agency manager can receive. Members of our agency force who earn this distinction are those who have shown a true commitment to clients’ needs,” says Paul V. Bishop, Senior Vice President of Sales for COUNTRY.

Effner receives international honor

COUNTRY Financial Agency Manager Bob Effner of Naperville recently received the Diamond International Management Award for excellence in management. Effner manages the St. Charles-Elgin agency at 2710 N. Randall Road, St. Charles. The International Management Award is presented annually by CMA International, a professional organization in the financial services industry.

Help KCFB achieve ‘100x100’

The Kane County Farm Bureau was founded in December of 1912 as the Kane County Soil & Crop Improvement Association. In recognition of the fact that membership is what powers our association, we’ve set a goal to recruit and sign 100 new voting members (farmers and farm land owners) to Kane County Farm Bureau, by our 100th Anniversary. Sign up for our ‘100 x 100’ membership drive alone or with a friend. You’ll receive a list of prospective farmers and landowners. Tell them about the benefits of Farm Bureau membership and help us achieve our membership goal. The top recruiter or team of two who bring the most voting members on board, will receive a $500 VISA gift card. The finale will be a “Beef, Burger or Beans” BBQ at the Farm Bureau on August 4, where participants will dine according to their choice of two who bring the most voting members into our organization. For financial or insurance services, members of our agency force who earn this distinction are those who have shown a true commitment to clients’ needs,” says Paul V. Bishop, Senior Vice President of Sales for COUNTRY. Bob Effner

More Ads

FOR SALE
Large hay and straw 3x3x8 bales, and feed oats. Call: 847-436-2538

FOR SALE
New horse barns with underground utilities and earthwork (grading, electric and water), drainage tiles, pasture clipping, fencing, spraying, new seeding, renovation seeding and fence installation. To follow Unit Extension best management recommendations. 5% discount for Farm Bureau members. Galinha Farms: Tom Berning 630-330-9977; BerningFarmEquestrian@ comcast.net; Steve Berning, 630-878-6350, steve@GalinhaFarm.com or Brian or Beans BBQ at the Farm Bureau on August 4, where participants will dine according to their choice of two who bring the most voting members into our organization. For financial or insurance services, members of our agency force who earn this distinction are those who have shown a true commitment to clients’ needs,” says Paul V. Bishop, Senior Vice President of Sales for COUNTRY.

What's new in the COUNTRY® agencies?

St. Charles/Elgin Agency
Bob Effner, Agency Manager

ORAZIO DIFRUSCOLO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MONTH
Orazio Difruscolo has been named Representative of the Month for May 2011 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency. As announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., Orazio has positively impact ed his clients through auto, farm, home, life and business investments. Congratulations to Orazio Difruscolo!

Orazio has been with COUNTRY Financial since January 2007. He services his clients from his office located at 2172 Blackberry Dr., Unit 100, Geneva, 60134. You may reach Orazio at his office at 630-262-1059.

Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager

Brian Guenther, Career Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Agent of the Month for May 2011. He began his career with COUNTRY Financial in March 2002 and services his clients out of his office located at 2430 West Indian Trail, Unit 202, Aurora 60506. His phone number is (630) 907-8888.

Brian is a great asset to the Aurora Agency.

Top Recruiter of the Month

Each month, the Kane County Farm Bureau honors the person or persons who sign the most members into our organization. We would like to congratulate Orazio Difruscolo. Orazio has signed nine new members to be the top recruiter.

Orazio has been an agent with COUNTRY Financial since January 2007. He services his clients from his office at 2712 Blackberry Drive in Geneva, and may be reached at (630) 262-1059.

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

Order Fresh Peaches

The Kane County Farm Bureau is now taking orders for juicy homegrown fresh peaches direct from a southern Illinois grower. These delicious peaches are washed, hydrocooled, graded to U. S. #1 Extra, 2 1/2 inches up in size, and packaged in a 25 pound wax coated fancy box with a lid. They are delivered the morning of pickup in a refrigerated truck for freshness and long lasting quality.

The grower recommends the peaches, which are available in the month of August for their sweetness and juicy flavor. Also, at that time the peaches will be freestones (come off the pit). If you like to make peach pie or cobbler, or you like to can or freeze peaches, now is the time to take advantage of this once a year offer.

Peaches are highly perishable. They are shipped when they are a little green so that when they arrive they are not bruised with juice running out of the box. The grower recommends that the peaches be refrigerated immediately when you get them unless you are planning to can freeze them with the next day. Then when you want to use them, you can take out however many you think you will use in the next day, let them sit out in a paper sack overnight, and they should be ripe and ready to eat by the next day. The peaches should not be out of the refrigerator for more than 24 hours. If they are left out too long; they are very susceptible to mold.

The price for a 25 pound box is $24.00 (Plus packaged members may take a 5% discount). PAYMENT IS DUE WITH ORDER. You can order by filling out the form and sending it in with your check, or call the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 and pay with a Visa or Mastercard. Pickup will be on Monday, August 22 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau office, in the rear of the building (in the shed).

Quantity: boxes @ $24.00 per 25 lb. box.

Amount Enclosed: ________________________

Name: _________________________________

Telephone Number: ____________________

Member Number: _______________________

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 12.

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President’s Scholarship
Recognizes the most outstanding local high school seniors seeking higher education in an agricultural or related field. The 2011-12 award of $1,500 was received by Buddy Haas of Elburn.

Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship
Kane County John Deere chassis was named the recipient of this award, established by the family and friends of the late John Deere dealer.

John Buck Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Paulsen of Clare received this $1,000 award that goes to a student in the county.

Kane County Fair Country Store
The Fair provides businesses the opportunity to raise funds and friends by the sale of farm-themed items. Buck Bros, Inc. of Hampshire, DeKane, Implement of Big Rock cooperate in this effort, allowing the Foundation to sell farm toys on consignment.

Buckett Raffle
The Foundation holds an annual Buckett Raffle at the County Fair. Local businesses donate merchandise, gift certificates, fairgoers buy raffle tickets to place in the bucket of the prize they hope to win. Funds go towards Foundation scholarships and internships for college students pursuing careers in agricultural fields of study.

John Buck Memorial Golf Outing
Established in 2001 by an endowment in memory of the late John Deere dealer, the proceeds raised from this annual benefit fund John Buck Memorial Scholarships, administered by the Foundation.

Other Revenue Sources
Member contributions
An agreement between the Foundation and KCBF allows Farm Bureau members to make Foundation contributions with annual dues to KCBF. Foundation Memorials
Memorials have been established by the family and friends of a loved one. Funds may be earmarked by contributors to benefit specific Foundation programs/scholarships.

Ag Literacy Library
The Foundation helps fund many Kane County Farm Bureau Ag Literacy Programs. The Ag Literacy Library at the Farm Bureau has hundreds of books with agricultural themes. Farm Bureau members can check out books on topics ranging from vegetable gardening to children’s stories about life on the farm. Thanks to donations and memorial contributions the collection continues to grow.

Ag Days
In March, 1,500 fourth graders and their teachers participate in Kane County Farm Bureau’s AgDays at Mooseheart. Now in its 27th year, it promotes the agricultural industry to students in a fun, educational and exciting way.

IL farmers offer free groceries for a year
Starting July 5 Illinois residents can register for two groups of “FREE Groceries for a Year” courtesy of Illinois Farm Families at www.FarmersFeedUs.org. Upon visiting the site, consumers register by meeting an Illinois Farm Bureau Farmer through a short video that shows how they produce safe, nutritious and affordable food.

The Farmers Feed US website features beef, corn, dairy hog and soybean farmers from across the state. Local farmers include Diana and Linda Drendel of Hampshire, Mike and Lynn Martz of Maple Park and Steve and Elizabeth Ruh of Sugar Grove. In addition to guiding visitors through the farmers, the farmers also offer a brief online tour of their farm.

Over the course of the 90-day campaign, consumers throughout the state will also see and hear from these farmers as they are featured in television and radio ads and on Facebook (www.facebook.com/farmfamilies) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/ilfarmfamilies).

Members of the Kane County Farm Bureau Young Farmer’s Committee will help people sign up for the sweepstakes at the Farm Bureau display at the Kane County Fair, July 20-24. You’ll find them north of the 4H ice cream stand, across from the livestock show ring.

For more information about the Illinois Farm Bureau Foundation, visit the website: www.kaneefcf.org/foundation.

*Based on Food Marketing Institute Figures, a $5,000 value.

The KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION was established in 2001 to provide support for the Kane County Fair’s success. Our mission is to support agricultural leadership development and research in agricultural fields. For the 2011-12 academic year, over $25,000 has been committed in scholarships and internships to area college students pursuing careers in agricultural fields.

MEMORIAL SPOTLIGHT
Dr. Lynda Gould
KCFB Foundation scholarships in six of her eight years at the U of I.

Lynda started in the pre-med program, but her fondness for the people involved in animal agriculture caused her to switch to a veterinary medicine major. She went on to get a doctorate degree.

Scholarships were key in covering school costs and allowed for unpaid summer jobs and travel. Those included internships in D.C. for Rep. Dennis Hastert and the USDA, Dairy Vet School, and travel to work and study in Texas, California and New York.

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