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Promote agriculture, farms & food; and,
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Welcome Spring with Touch-A-Tractor, April 8-10

You don't have to travel to the country to get a close up look at farm life. The Farm Bureau invites your family to Touch-A-Tractor, our annual farm-city community event, April 8-10, to celebrate agriculture and the coming of spring. Easy to understand signs next to the modern farm machinery will explain the technology that goes into planting and harvesting our nation's food supply. More than a dozen antique tractors from area farms will be on hand for Mom and Dad to get that perfect photo of the kids for the grandparents.

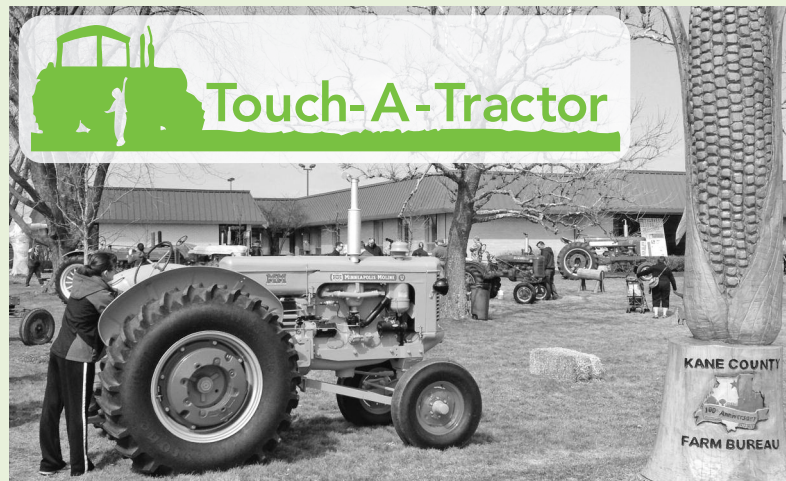
Kids can participate in hands-on activities, ride pedal tractors, shell corn, see farm animals, play and sit in the seat of one a dozen tractors. There will be a FREE Pedal Tractor Drawing for kids 8 and under – one entry per child. Visitors who bring non-perishable food items for local food pantries will receive one additional entry in that drawing.

Hours are Noon to 4pm on Friday, 10 am to 4 pm Saturday, and 10am to 3pm Sunday. There is no cost for admission. New for 2016, Culver's of North Aurora, South Elgin & Carpentersville will be at

Touch-A-Tractor! From noon-2pm each day, April 8th, 9th & 10th, Scoopie™ and his helpers will be handing out single scoops of custard coupons.

The Elburn Lions Club will prepare hot dogs and bratwurst for purchase from 11-2 on Saturday and Sunday. A donut cart will be on hand to provide fresh, hot snacks for the kids and FFA volunteers will provide fresh, hot popcorn for a donation. New this year on Saturday will be face-painting and balloon animals for kids, and Kuipers Family Farm will bring the ever popular "Apple Pickin' Ramblin Race". These activities will take place on Saturday from 10-2.

On Sunday, April 10, the "Moo-gician" will provide strolling music and comedy from 11-2 with a stage show in the Farm Bureau building at 2 p.m. At 3pm the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation will announce scholarship recipients for the 2016-17 school year, announce the winners in the Foundation's annual Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle, the not-for-profits' biggest fundraiser for scholarship and agricultural literacy programs and will draw one winner under 8 years of age for a FREE pedal tractor, compliments of the Kane County Farm Bureau.



Touch-A-Tractor is a FREE event at the Kane County Farm Bureau. The fun lasts all weekend long, April 8-10.



Bring your child/grandchild and get a photo on the seat of an antique tractor, see the newly hatched baby chicks and get a FREE entry (8 years & younger) in our annual Pedal Tractor drawing.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

April 4-5

IFB & Affiliates Youth Conference

April 6-7

IFB Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference

April 7

Board of Directors, 7:30 pm
Touch-A-Tractor set up, 4 pm

April 8-10

Touch-A-Tractor, 10-4 each day

April 9

4-H Foundation Fundraiser, 4:30-7 pm
Kane County Fairgrounds

April 10

Scholarship Awards Recognition, 3pm

April 10

Tractor Raffle Drawing, 3:15 pm

April 10-16

National Volunteer Week

April 11-29

SPROUTS in classroom reading program

April 12

4-H Government Day

April 21

Ag Committee, 10 am, County Board Room

April 26-27

Defensive Driving

Culvers™ to join KCFB Foundation's T-A-T team

Culver's of North Aurora, South Elgin and Carpentersville will be helping at Touch-A-Tractor on April 8th, 9th & 10th! From noon-2:00 pm each day, Scoopie and his helpers

CONNECT WITH US



April Featured Product Honey BBQ Chicken Breasts

The Special this month is Honey BBQ Chicken Breasts. Each 5 lb. box comes with 8oz., individually sealed boneless, skinless chicken breasts marinated in a delicious honey BBQ sauce. These would be great on their own, served on a bun, or cooked on the grill!

The member price is \$25.00, PLUS members \$23.50, and \$29.00 non-Members. Available only during the month of April or while supplies last.

will be handing out single scoops of custard coupons. Culver's is there to support the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation and our farmers!

Culver's "Thank You Farmers" programs at participating restaurants across the U.S. have helped to spread awareness and generate support for our nation's hardworking farmers.

FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS

You have a vested interest in agriculture. Wouldn't you like to take charge of your future by setting policy and building relationships that will last throughout the next generation of agricultural landowners and farm leaders? If you have a desire to gather ideas and do something about the challenges and opportunities of farming in Kane County, you should consider running for a seat on the Kane County Farm Bureau's Board of Directors. See page 2 for more information.

Culver's restaurants have depended on family farms since the first restaurant opened in 1984. Don, Julie, Serena & Gavin Michels, owners of North Aurora, South Elgin, and Carpentersville Culver's, want to show their gratitude by helping support the next generation of farmers. Touch-A-Tractor provides an excellent means of outreach to the farm community and to the consumers who depend on it.

For over 30 years, Culver's guests have been treated to cooked-to-order food made with farm-fresh ingredients, served with a smile. The ever-expanding franchise system now numbers more than 560 family-owned and operated restaurants in

22 states. The restaurants' nationally-recognized customer service is based on small-town, Midwestern values, genuine friendliness and an unwavering commitment to quality. Signature items include the award-winning ButterBurger®, made from fresh, never frozen, beef, and Fresh Frozen Custard, including the famous Flavor of the Day program. For more information on Culver's Restaurants, visit <http://www.culvers.com>.

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Join Scoopie from Culver's at Touch-A-Tractor, April 8-10 for a coupon for a single scoop of custard at participating Culver's restaurants. Scoopie and his helpers will be at Touch-A-Tractor from noon-3 each day at the Kane County Farm Bureau on Randall Road in St. Charles.



KCFB Board Meeting

March 10th

A Legislative Briefing meeting and dinner for the Board, Young Farmers, Legislative volunteers and guests was held before the Board of Directors Meeting at 6:00 pm. The meeting consisted of a panel discussion with Senator Karen McConnaughey, IFB Northeast Legislative Coordinator Christina Nourie, and Ben Marcum, Legislative Assistant to Representative Keith Wheeler. The panelists gave instructions about how to have effective legislative office visits for the Lunches to Legislators program, and to review IFB Legislative Priorities.

The March meeting of the Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Several guests including Agriculture Committee Chairman T.R. Smith, and Kane County Board Chairman Chris Lauzen, and his wife Sara, were present.

Directors reported on several topics and events. Engel reported on the upcoming Leaders to Washington and B. Collins on the upcoming 4-H fundraiser pork chop dinner. Donna Lehrer

stated that the Meet the Buyers Event is March 22 at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Beth Gehrke presented a report on the Food for Thought Regional Advertising Committee that was held Tuesday, March 1 at Brookfield Zoo. She reported that last year's totals for participation in the program included 17 County Farm Bureaus throughout 20 evenings, expanding the Illinois Farm Bureau's agricultural and promotional messages to an audience of 320,000 people.

In local news, T.R. Smith, Agriculture Chairman of the Kane County Board, thanked the Board for his experience in the Shopping Spree in February, he also was thankful for the KCBF's support at the Beekeeping Town Hall and in sponsoring Illinois Association FFA Secretary Susie Thompson on the Illinois Leadership Seminar for State Officers to South Africa. Thompson gave a report of her experiences to the Kane County Ag Committee in March.

FB Manager Steve Arnold gave an update on the upcoming

Touch-A-Tractor event. Touch-A-Tractor and the accompanying Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle is the Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION's largest fundraising event and much planning is involved in making the details of the event come together. Directors discussed entertainment, additional tractors, and activities for the event.

Committee Reports were delivered including a report on and request for assistance at AgDays, to be held on March 15 and 16 at Mooseheart, and SPROUTS to be held on April 11-29.

The Board received thank you letters from Citizens for Dan Wilbrandt for the opportunity to interview with ACTIVATOR Trustees (Schneider & Gaitsch); and from Nan Long, a H-BR FFA Alumni thanking the KCFB for the donation for the FFA fundraiser.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm. The next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 pm immediately after setting up for the Touch-A-Tractor event.

Illinois Young Ag Leaders receive national award

FarmWeekNow

For the tenth time in 10 years, Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders earned American Farm Bureau Federation's top award for raising the most Harvest for ALL money - \$998,085. Young Leaders also nabbed the top award for the most hours volunteered and the most innovative project in the Harvest for ALL program.

Young Leaders throughout the state raised funds through collections at conferences, silent and live auctions, toy tractor sales, and Harvest for ALL

campaigns conducted by county Farm Bureaus. They also volunteered 5,675 hours, which included working at county and statewide events at food distribution centers and local food pantries.

Kane County Farm Bureau is one of the leading counties in Illinois in the Harvest for ALL program. In 2011, KCFB accepted the Summit Award - the highest award an association can receive - from ASAE, the Center for Association Leadership. Characterized by one industry publication as "the Nobel Prize of Associations",

the Summit Awards honor organizations that advance America and the world through their work.



Illinois Young Leader State Committee Chairman Evan Hultine (center) accepts the AFBF's top award for raising the most Harvest for ALL money from AFBF President Zippy Duvall (right), and AFBF Vice President Scott VanderWal.

Nominations sought for KCFB Director

The Kane County Farm Bureau is seeking eligible candidates for election to the association's Board of Directors. A Farm Bureau director is an individual who helps provide governance, set policies, and supports the philosophy and actions of the organization. Directors should be willing to dedicate time to make a difference in agriculture and to provide direction, inspiration, and motivation to the largest, most influential and effective farm related organization in Kane County.

Eligible candidates are "MM" members (farmers and farmland owners) residing in Kane County.

Five directors will be elected, by ballots mailed in May, to MM members in each respective District. KCFB has five districts each made up of three townships.

To suggest potential candidates for election, members should call 630-584-8660 by April 15.

CALLING ALL FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS!

Do you have an interest in agriculture? Would you like to take charge of your future by setting policy and building relationships that will last throughout the next generation of agri-

cultural landowners and leaders? Do you have a desire to gather ideas and do something about the challenges and opportunities of farming in Kane County? Then perhaps you should consider running for a seat on the Kane County Farm Bureau's Board of Directors.

The KCFB Board consists of 15 directors, three seats in each of five East-West districts. District 1 consists of Aurora, Big Rock and Sugar Grove Township; District 2 is Kaneville, Blackberry, Geneva and Batavia Townships; District 3 is Virgil, Campton and St. Charles Townships; District 4 is Burlington, Plato and Elgin Townships; and District 5 is Hampshire, Rutland, and Dundee Townships. With the approval of new bylaws in late 2015, there are now 5 seats up for election each year, 1 in each District.

Our members belong to the Farm Bureau for many reasons. Some join to take action on behalf of agriculture. Others join to support Farm Bureau policies or assist with program efforts. Farm Bureau works on the local level, in Springfield and in Washington D.C. to support action not just on farm issues, but on many of the same things you're concerned about: protec-

tion of private property rights and the quality of the rural environment, tax policies and economic growth, and the quality and safety of our food supply. As a regular (voting) member, you are eligible to run for the Board of Directors and help look out for the best interests of all of our members.

The KCFB Board meets the first Thursday evening of each month. For more information, about service on the Board of Directors, please contact President Joe White at 630 557-2517, Manager Steve Arnold at 630 584-8660 or any member of the Board of Directors. To nominate yourself or a neighbor for consideration, please fill out and return the form below to the Nominating Committee by April 15.

Board elections will be held by ballots mailed to regular (voting) members of the association in May.



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

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

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

KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2015 THRU SEPTEMBER 2016

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J. ENGEL	X	X	X	X	X	X						
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B. GEHRKE	X	X	X	X	X	X						
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M. KENYON	X	X	X	X	X	X						
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Form completed & returned by: Name _____

Mail to this form to: Kane County Farm Bureau,
2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174
Return on or before April 15, 2016

The Nominating Committee will evaluate candidates and propose a slate to run for director.

ECC's Dr. Sam & T.R. Smith pile up \$1,597⁸⁷ in groceries

The 15th annual Food Check-Out Challenge Shopping Spree was held on February 26th to benefit two local food pantries.

During the pre-event ceremony, the food pantry representatives and the courageous contestants, Elgin Community College President Dr. David Sam, and Kane County Agriculture Committee Chairman T.R. Smith, were briefed on the rules. The rules suggested to focus on non-perishable goods and packaged goods that included canned goods, and wheat, corn, and soy. No more than two identical items (or shelf sweeping) were allowed.

A whistle sounded. Elgin Community College President Dr. David Sam hustled down one aisle. Kane County Agriculture Committee Chairman T.R. Smith, barreled down another.

"Come on T. R.," supporter Barbara Brust hollered at him, as he tossed salad dressings that barely made it into his cart. "Come on, T.R., move it."

Other supporters shouted similar exhortations to Sam to hurry up, as Sam zoomed through the pasta aisle, grabbing noodles and sauce.

Each side was followed by supporters who would take

away the full cart and hand off an empty one, as Tom Hong, the retail liaison for the Northern Illinois Food Bank, kept announcing how many minutes, then seconds, were left.

An announcement over the store's loudspeaker was made that the Kane County Farm Bureau had added one more minute of time to their shopping spree!

During their 6 total minute dash, the pair collected \$1597.87 in groceries, purchased by the Farm Bureau and donated to Elgin Community College's Spartan Food Pantry and the Burlington Hampshire Food Pantry.

The event is traditionally held during February, the time by which most families have earned enough to pay for their entire food supply for the year. Because U.S. farmers are the most productive and efficient food producers in the world, food is a real bargain in the U.S. when compared to the rest of the world.

The Shopping Spree also seeks to show consumers to stretch their grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food. The Farm Bureau recognizes the fact that for many people, resources are stretched to the limit. For that reason, each year

public officials are invited to "compete" to allow two local food pantries to stock their shelves with much needed items.

Kane County Farm Bureau extends its special thanks to the Batavia Jewel-Osco and the Northern Illinois Food bank for their partnership in this Food Check-Out Shopping Spree challenge.

Elgin Community College President Dr. David Sam (left) and Kane County Board Member T. R. Smith (right) shake hands at the end of the 15th annual Food Check-Out Challenge Shopping Spree.

Top right: Dr. David Sam, President of Elgin Community College. Bottom right: T.R. Smith, Chairman of the Kane County Agriculture Committee.



Get your soil ready for spring

A great service the Farm Bureau offers its members is soil testing. Make sure your soil is ready for spring planting. Visit www.kanecfb.com and click on benefits and services for a soil test form, or pick one up at the KCFB office. Deliver samples to Kane County Farm Bureau with payment. Results are sent directly to you by mail. Call 630-584-8660 for more details. Prices listed are for Kane County Farm Bureau members. Ask us how to save even more when you upgrade your membership to a PLUS membership.

Why test your soil? Soil in its natural state is rarely fertile enough for the best growth of plants. Usually it is necessary to

replenish the earth's store of plant nutrients to obtain the most vigorous lawn, the most abundant and brilliant flowers, the prettiest trees and shrubs and the greatest yield of fresh veggies.

When is the best time to test soil? Proper sampling is important to obtain accurate results. Samples can be taken any time during the warmer months, when soil temperatures are at least 55 degrees. If the soil is too wet to spade, rototill or hoe, it is generally too wet to take a sample. On the other hand, extremely dry soil should not be sampled either.

How often should I test? Ideally, soil should be tested every 3-5 years, more frequently

with intensive use. Try to sample during the same season each time for the best comparison.

Why does Farm Bureau provide this service? Kane County Farm Bureau was founded in 1912 as the Kane County Farm Improvement Association, to help farmers improve their production practices and increase the fertility and productivity of their soil. This program is an extension of that. It helps you take the guess work out of gardening!

Additional help for your lawn & garden is available through the University of Illinois Master Gardeners. Contact them at 630-584-6166 or visit their office at 535 Randall Rd., St. Charles.

SOIL TEST COSTS

Basic Test

\$20 per sample for members. This test checks for soil pH, phosphorus, and potassium.

Lawn/Garden Test

\$30 per sample for members. This test includes the basic test plus organic matter and recommendations on amount and timing of fertilizer.

Lawn/Garden Plus

\$50 per sample for members. This test includes the Lawn & Garden test plus nutrients, iron, zinc, manganese, copper, sulfur and boron. This test also includes recommendations.

Help provide a strong future for farms & food

Last chance for foundation raffle tickets to benefit college scholarship & a literacy

Farm Bureau members have until April 10 to get their chance to win one of six great prizes in Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation's Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle. All proceeds from the annual raffle benefit Foundation College Scholarships and Farm Bureau Agricultural Literacy programs.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and are available at Kane County Farm Bureau (2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles), from the Farm Bureau directors listed on page 2, with VISA or MasterCard at 630-584-8660, or by sending payment with the ticket request form below.

In 2015, the Foundation awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships & internships. These are the young people studying to keep our food system the best in the world. Show your support for

their educational goals and get in on the fun of this annual raffle.

Grand prize for the annual raffle to be drawn at our Touch-A-Tractor event on Sunday, April 10, 2016 is the choice of one of two antique tractors: 1953 Farmall Super C, or a 1947 Farmall Super A. If a tractor isn't your thing, the grand prize winner can instead choose a John Deere riding lawn mower or \$2,500 cash. There's a great lineup of food, fuel and Farm Bureau prizes that include second prize of \$500 in groceries, third prize \$500 in fuel, and fourth prize is \$250 in Kane County Farm Bureau Bucks.

Tickets are available at the Farm Bureau office in St. Charles, by calling 630-584-8660, or by sending in the form below with payment by April 10.

Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle

KCFB Foundation's Scholarship Fundraiser

Please send me _____ tickets (\$10 each or 3 for \$25)

Name _____

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Return by Sunday, April 10 with check made payable to Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174 or charge my:

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AG LITERACY CORNER

By Suzi Myers



Why is it so hard to find time for yourself? Why aren't the many time saving appliances or gadgets actually working to increase our "free time"?

We have dishwashers, washing machines and dryers, microwaves, food that has been pre-cooked, GPS systems, vacuums that have enough suction to clear a room of anything weighing less than 5 pounds and disposable everything from razors to towels. Yet, it seems that there is less time in the day to relax.

We can communicate across the world with a push of the "send" button, we can record a television show for later viewing; can catch up on all the latest news every second of the day, and correct our manuscripts with ease (compared to when I was in college and had

to keep retyping things because of mistakes).

Time saving ... really? It seems to me that we have just "saved" time so that we can do MORE in a day than we used to. No longer do we have to wash dishes by hand while sharing conversation with the "helping hands" of our children, spouse, or friend. Isn't that saved time actually lost time with others?

How about the fact that we can send a photo or video that we just took on our phone via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, or simply email it to our friends? We can wish someone Happy Birthday, play a game with a friend and never have to leave our couch. Isn't that something to be celebrating? Or is it?

All of these modes of "communication" lack the personal,

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good old face to face type of interaction. Have you ever gotten a text and taken the content of it the wrong way? That doesn't happen when we can see the other person's face as they speak to us. We've even created cyber bullies ... bullying that can even take place anonymously ... the message is hurtful without a person to blame for it.

As I'm typing this article, my computer doesn't even recognize Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, they are underlined for spelling errors. Something I found interesting, since they are such an integral part of our daily lives today.

We can keep children occupied in the car with videos, electronic games and such ... to what outcome? My grandchildren couldn't even show me how to take them to soccer practice that their parents drive them to daily because they don't watch anything but their devices when in the car. Whatever happened to looking out the window or playing games like "alphabet" in the car?

So, I guess what I'm trying to point out is that we have so many time saving devices at our fingertips, but what we lose by using them is huge. We lose time for ourselves, as we just keep doing more within each day, because we can. We lose

real communication with our family and friends ... a vital component of personal happiness and contentment. We lose knowing about our environment and interacting with it.

March 4th was National Unplug Day. Maybe we should consider doing just that ... unplugging these gadgets and

spending some time feeling the warm water while doing the dishes as we discuss the happenings of our day with our family. Maybe we could reach out to a far away friend via snail mail and wish them a Happy Birthday or to let them know they are in our thoughts. Some things to think about.

Book of the month

Both school and personal gardens are very popular now. 200 years ago, Thomas Jefferson had extensive gardens at Monticello. *First Peas to the Table* addresses this garden popularity with a classroom contest based on Thomas Jefferson's yearly competition with his neighbors to see whose peas would be ready to eat first.

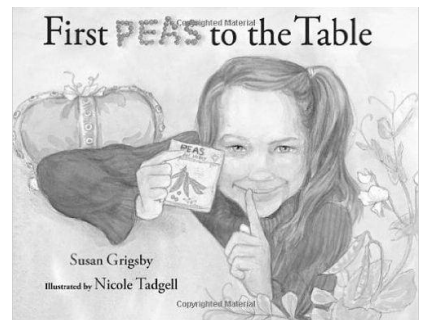
Based on history and actual facts from Thomas Jefferson's gardens, the book is a winner of many awards, including American Farm Bureau's book of the year.

As a side light, the Master Gardeners had a Thomas Jefferson garden out at their test plots last year, which was really exciting to see. Many of the seeds he used to plant are still available.

We are using this book in our SPROUTS program this year as

a giveaway book for the teacher's classroom library.

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. Feel free to come in to browse in our library and to check out books of interest.



First Peas to the Table by Susan Grigsby and illustrated by Nicole Tadjell

FB volunteers to read farm-themed book to 1,500 students

In April, Kane County Farm Bureau volunteers will use a well-written book about agriculture and their knowledge of rural life to teach area third graders about the job farmers do. The Spring Program of Reading & Outreach to Teachers and Students (SPROUTS) is a popular program with students and teachers and reaches dozens of classrooms.

SPROUTS volunteers will read the book *First Peas to the Table* by Susan Grigsby and relate the story to farms right here in Kane County. Colorful illustrations in the book are the work of Nicole Tadjell.

If you're interested in reading a book to a classroom during the week of April 11-29, call Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 to sign up.

A memorial fund established in memory of long-time Farm Bureau volunteer and former KCFB Director Bob Konen, and funded by family and friends, has been designated to fund SPROUTS.

Now showing
at an elementary school near you ...

YOU

Read to a 3rd grade class through the SPROUTS reading program, April 11-29.
Call Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 for details.

Spring Program of Reading Outreach to Urban Teachers and Students

Kane County Master Gardener help desk opens for spring

Spring is here, which means it is time for the Kane County Master Gardener Help Desk to open for the 2016 season. Trained volunteers can field questions on trees, shrubs, lawns, flowers, vegetables and more.

The Kane County Master Gardeners are available Monday through Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. They can be reached by phone at 630-584-6166, or in the Master Gardener office at the University of Illinois Extension office at 535 S. Randall Road in St. Charles. Questions also may be sent via email to uiemg-kane@illinois.edu.



The Kane County Master Gardener help desk is now open Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm.

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Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Suzi Myers



Come on out & Touch-A-Tractor!

Just as some people have loyalties to a certain car brand, some farmers prefer to purchase one brand of farm equipment over another. Some of the most popular farm equipment brands include John Deere, Case IH, New Holland, and AGCO. Arguably, the most famous brand loyalty argument is between John Deere and Case IH – many farmers love the iconic green John Deere machinery,

while others “bleed” Case IH red.

- The word “tractor” comes from the Latin word “trahere,” which means to pull or draw.
- The first gasoline-powered tractor was made in 1892 in Clayton County, Iowa by John Froelich.
- Early tractors had metal wheels with metal plates or spikes. This meant that they could not be used on surfaced public roads.
- Agricultural implements may

be towed behind or mounted on the tractor, and the tractor may also provide a source of power if the implement is mechanized.

- The first recorded use of the word meaning “an engine or vehicle for pulling wagons or ploughs” occurred in 1901.
- John Deere has an interactive website for children: http://www.deere.com/en_US/corporate/our_company/fans_visitors/kids/kids.page.

Combines & tillage need touching too!

Combines:

- A combine is a machine that harvests grain crops.
 - Among the crops harvested with a combine are wheat, oats, rye, barley, corn (maize), sorghum, soybeans, flax (linseed), sunflowers, and canola.
 - The waste straw left behind on the field is the remaining dried stems and leaves of the crop with limited nutrients which is either chopped and spread on the field or baled for feed and bedding for livestock.
 - The combine was invented in the United States by Hiram Moore in 1834, and early versions were pulled by horse or mule teams, oxen.
 - A combine’s name comes from the fact that it combines three operations involving harvesting – reaping, threshing, and winnowing. Reaping is the cutting of crops when they are ripe. Threshing is the process of separating grain from the plant.

Winnowing is the process of separating grain from chaff.

- Combines have two standard removable heads – the standard header (sometimes called a grain platform) and a corn head. The standard header is used for cereal grains and soybeans, and the corn head is used for corn, as its name implies.
- Combine harvesters are one of the most economically important labor saving inventions.

Tillage:

- Tillage is the agricultural preparation of soil by mechanical agitation of various types, such as digging, stirring, and overturning.
- The steel plow allowed

farming in the American Midwest, where tough prairie grasses and rocks caused trouble.

- Tillage is often classified into two different types – primary and secondary. Primary tillage is deeper, more thorough, and generally leaves a rough surface finish. Secondary tillage is shallower, more location selective, and leaves a smoother surface finish.
- Some common examples of tillage equipment include the chisel plow, disk, ripper, and field cultivator.
- Some farmers choose to do no tillage, which is called no-till farming.
- Modern agriculture has greatly reduced the use of tillage.

Caprese ladybugs

Ingredients

- Fresh mozzarella cheese
- Small tomatoes (like grape tomatoes)
- Black pitted olives
- Basil leaves
- Balsamic Cream

Cut the mozzarella cheese into thin, round slices. Cut the tomatoes in half – this will be the ladybug “body.” Create “wings” by making a little slit in the tomato skin in half of the “body.” Slice the olive into quarters. Tear the basil leaves to fit the mozzarella slices. Lay the basil leaves on top of the mozzarella,

place the tomato halves on the basil leaf and lay an olive quarter next to the side with the slit (the tomato end without the slit should line up with the edge of the cheese). Create dots on the tomato using the balsamic cream.

Adapted from “Lady Bug Caprese Bites” posted on www.itsmygirlsworld.com.



Win a Pedal Tractor at Touch-A-Tractor

The Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION will draw the name of one lucky child to win a FREE pedal tractor at the conclusion of Touch-A-Tractor on April 10. Return the form below to KCFB by April 10 or sign up at Touch-A-Tractor, April 8-10. The pedal tractor drawing is open only to children 8 and under. Entrant’s name, age and phone must appear on the form.

You can also receive one additional entry to the FREE Pedal Tractor Drawing for your child or grandchild for each non-perishable food item you bring to Touch-A-Tractor. Food items will be donated to a local food pantry. Winner need not be present to win.

FREE Pedal Tractor Drawing

(For children 8 and under. Entrant’s age must appear on the form below)

Please enter me in the Kane County Farm Bureau’s FREE Pedal Tractor Drawing.

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Age _____ Phone (_____) _____

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Global Day of Prayer – April 30 • National Honesty Day – April 30

Congratulations

Lianne Rockensock! Lianne’s name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month’s “Nutrition” word search. March’s prize is a market basket. April’s prize will be The Farming Game: Harvest the Fun! Thank you for reading the *Kane County Farmer*, and continue to watch each month for a chance to win a prize.

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by April 14, 2016 for your chance to win a bag of goodies!

The KCFB Governmental Affairs committee organized visits to the offices of 16 local legislators during this year's Lunches to Legislators program. Members of the Kane County Corn Growers and Farm Bureau volunteers had a chance to introduce themselves and share information about the agriculture industry.



Above: Illinois Farm Bureau Northeast Legislative Coordinator Christina Nourie (left), an unidentified staffer, and State Representative Linda Chapa-LaVia (right) discuss policies important to IFB.



Left: KCFB board member Beth Gehrke (left) is shown with State Representative Michael Tryon (right).

KCFB members contact U.S. Senators

Thank you to the following members who responded to the action request and made contacts with U.S. Senators last month to support a national biotech (GMO) labeling standard that would provide a voluntary labeling option pre-empting a patchwork of state laws such as Vermont's mandatory labeling law.

- Beth Engel
- Gerald Gaitsch
- Carolyn Gehrke
- Christopher Gould
- Louise Johnson
- Michael Kenyon
- Andrew Lenkaitis
- Dale Pitstick
- Joseph White

Farm Bureau believes that Congress and the administration must act to protect interstate commerce, prevent the stigmatization of a safe agricultural technology, and ensure investment in future agricultural innovation. Without congressional action, consumers will be left with a confusing labeling scheme that will increase food costs and limit choice.

The House of Representatives passed the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act (H.R. 1599) on July 23, 2015. Farm Bureau's

action request was initiated to encourage the Senate to pass S. 2609. Most farmers believe that we cannot have a confusing state-by-state approach to labeling laws. If Congress fails to act, Vermont's mandatory GMO food labeling law takes effect July 1, and more states are set to follow.

Biotech labeling has become a national discussion requiring a national solution. Farm Bureau is committed to a transparent dialogue with consumers by supporting greater public education about biotech-

nology and endorses a federal GMO labeling solution that:

- Provides meaningful information to consumers about biotech products in the marketplace,
- Ensures consistency by creating a national standard for biotech labels, and
- Eliminates consumer confusion about the foods they purchase.

If you would like to join Farm Bureau's Agricultural Contact Team to help weigh in on state and federal issues important to farmers, please give Steve Arnold a call at the Kane County Farm Bureau, 630-584-8660.

My visit to Kane County

By Victoria Wax, IFB Management Trainee

To say Kane County is different from where I grew up is a large understatement. The city of St. Charles itself boasts a larger population than the entire county I grew up in. This area is both rural and urban which made me excited to come see what made Kane County Farm Bureau special. In short it's the ability to take challenges and create wonderful opportunities for its members and the community.

I am Victoria Wax, a Manager Trainee with Illinois Farm Bureau. The purpose of my job is simple: Travel from county to county across the state and absorb all that I can from the County Farm Bureau Managers I work with, and hopefully follow in their footsteps.

My home away from home for the past 3 weeks has been the Kane County Farm Bureau Office and all the events Steve and the staff take part in. During my time with Kane County Farm Bureau I have gotten the opportunity to do everything from meeting with legislators, to watching teachers learn new

ways to highlight the importance of Agriculture in their classrooms, and even visiting the Brookfield Zoo for a meeting.

Ag Days at Mooseheart was the grand finale to my visit to Kane County. It's hard to imagine how an event of that size seems to run so smoothly, but I suppose that is what experience brings. On Tuesday, I was given the opportunity to lead one class of 4th graders as we navigated our way station to station around the fieldhouse. I was impressed by the knowledge each volunteer brought to each station. The U of I Extension started our journey with a lesson about worms. One thing is for certain: if you want boys to listen, show them a tub of worms digesting paper and other matter into compost. Other stations included lessons on honey, soybeans, biotechnology, dairy, nutrition, fibers, and much more.

As expected, the kids were the most engaged by the goats, chickens, sheep, rabbits and especially the new born calf that were present at Ag Days. The students crowded around each gate with so much excitement (continued on page 7)



Victoria Wax

Defensive Driving Class

The Kane County Farm Bureau Women's Committee has scheduled a 55 Alive Mature Driving Program for Tuesday and Wednesday April 26 and 27. The class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles. You must attend both sessions to complete the course.

The eight hour course covers driving in various road and weather conditions, passing techniques, the effects of alcohol and drugs on driving and other defensive driving methods. Many insurance companies may offer a discount on auto insurance to those age 55 and older who qualify and attend all eight hours of the course. Contact your insurance agent for more details.

Attendees must be licensed drivers. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$15 per person for AARP members and \$20 for non-members (payable the first day) to cover the cost of materials. For more information or to register, contact Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660.

A LOCAL VISIT - KENYON BROTHERS DAIRY FARM

By Val Johnson



Val Johnson was a participant in the 2013 Illinois Farm Families Field Mom Program. This is a portion of her blog about her experience after touring Kenyon Brothers Dairy Farm in South Elgin. Val now spends her time working for the Kane County Farm Bureau in continuation of her agriculture learning experience.

er near the door.

All of the animals were content in the barn (we learned that cows are content if they chew their cud) with the exception of a bull becoming more annoyed with our presence the longer we lingered nearby.

Why is milk so important? Our family alone drinks three gallons a week or 156 gallons a year. According to USDA, the average family with children ages 2-11 drinks twice as much milk as adults, and according to wisconsinmilk.com, milk is a natural high source of calcium (305 mg per serving) and potassium (370 mg per serving). Cow's milk consists of simple ingredients compared to soy, almond, coconut, and rice milk which include added ingredients such as cane sugar, carageenan, and canola oil.

There are still thriving farms in our suburban area. If you look hard, they hide between the newly built subdivisions and high schools. Kenyon Brothers dairy farm in South Elgin is a place where the dairy cows outnumber people by a ratio of 30-1. Our family had a recent opportunity to tour this farm, see where our milk comes from, and help feed some hungry new-born calves as well.

We entered the barn that Kenyon's grandparents built in 1890. Dairy farming was popular in this area during that time. It was busy inside the barn - there were dairy cows lined up on both sides being milked. The females that recently gave birth were resting near the front and the calves were in a pen together

The Kenyon Brothers Dairy farm produces an average of 1000 gallons of milk each day with their herd of 180 cattle. All of this work helps provide milk to our tables. Our family is thankful for the farms, farmers - and the dairy cows - in our community who continue to work hard each day to feed us.



Left: Kathryn Johnson feeds a one day old calf while touring Kenyon Brothers Dairy Farm.



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WOMEN'S CORNER

By Louise Johnson
Women's Committee Chair



I hope you had a Happy Easter and are enjoying Spring, which started on March 20th this year.

Have you ever eaten in the Walnut Room in Chicago? If you were there at Christmas-time, how long was your wait? My husband and I went there for lunch on a Thursday in March. There was plenty of seating and we chose to be seated at a window table, but we could have been seated adjacent to the water fountain-statue. Delicious food! My husband had their traditional chicken pot pie and I had wild Alaskan salmon from their 'specials' menu. Try the Walnut Room the next time you are in Chicago, - I think you will be delighted.

Never, never, never use water on a grease fire. There is a demonstration online, made by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of Santa Monica, California. It shows a small pan with a grease fire inside it. A long pole (for safety) with a cup of water is put over the pan and the water is gently poured on the fire. A massive fireball explosion follows. What to do for a cooking fire? Do not move the pan: instead slide a lid (or pizza pan or cookie sheet) across the pan to smother the fire. Remember grease fire + water = explosion.

To get you ready for Harry Patterson's talk about bees at our June 23rd luncheon, here is

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a delightful and different version of peanut-butter cookies, made by Women's Committee member, Nancy.

Honey Peanut-Butter Cookies

- 1/2 c. Butter, softened
- 1/2 c. Peanut-butter
- 1/2 c. Sugar
- 1/4 c. Honey
- 1/2 tsp. Baking Soda
- 1/2 tsp. Baking Powder
- 1 Egg
- 1/2 tsp. Vanilla
- 1 1/4 c. Flour

Blend the butter and the peanut-butter. Add sugar, honey, baking soda, and baking powder. Beat until combined. Stir in the flour until well-blended. Cover and chill the dough until it is easy to handle. Make 1" balls of dough (roll them in sugar if desired) and put them about 2" apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Using a fork, make a criss-cross pattern as you flatten the balls. Bake at 375° for 7-9 minutes, until the bottoms are lightly browned.

Makes about 3 dozen.

The Women's Committee invites all KCFB women to their luncheon, "A Picnic with the Pollinators," on Thursday, June 23. Guest Speaker - Harry Patterson, beekeeper. More information to follow.

My visit

(continued from page 6)

hoping the sheep and other animals would come closer. They learned how to refer to each animal based upon its gender and age from a local FFA student and even got the opportunity to pet some of the animals.

We then took a trip outside to see the machinery. Tractors, a planter, a sprayer, and a combine filled the parking lot of Mooseheart and boy, did those kids have questions! The first question was, "How does the farmer get inside those things?" followed quickly by "You can't just drive that stuff on the roads, can you?" The answers were "By the ladder on the side." and "Yes you can but very carefully."

Each volunteer left me thoroughly impressed. An army of farmers, professionals, FFA members, and 4-H members filled the field house to lend their hands to the event. There is nothing better than listening to someone when they are discussing a topic they are truly passionate about. You can tell each helper at the stations really cared about the education they were providing for these future consumers.

I am off to another county Farm Bureau to continue my training, but will take with me the advice, connections, and wonderful ideas I have soaked up while working in this office. I can clearly see that this county would not be successful without its dedicated staff and hard-working volunteers.

What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

St. Charles Agency, Bob Effner, Agency Manager

Orazio Difruscolo has been named the Financial Representative of the Month for February 2016 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency. Orazio has provided tangible plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance and financial security needs of his clients through COUNTRY Financial's diverse products and services. You may contact Orazio at his office, 1118 E. Main St., Ste. 1A, St. Charles or: 630-549-7696. Congratulations, Orazio!

Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager

Brandon Kopf, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for February, 2016. Brandon began his career with COUNTRY Fin-

ancial in June of 2005 and services clients out of his office located at: 450 W. Galena Blvd., Aurora, 60506, or (630) 801-0946.

Brandon'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, Brandon!

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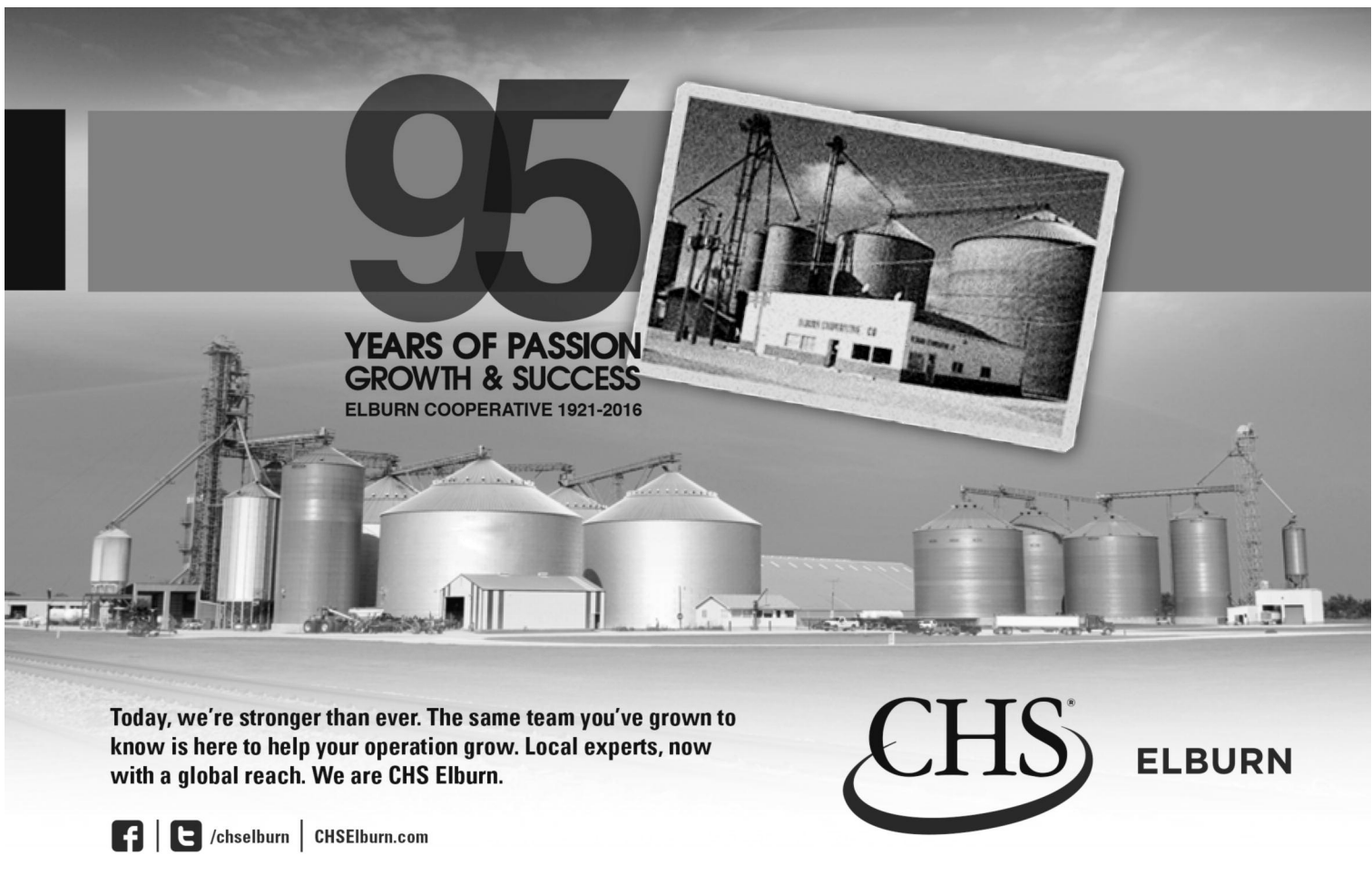





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Farming lessons for fourth graders at Ag Days

Fourth grade classes from throughout Kane County converged on Mooseheart Fieldhouse in March at Kane County Farm Bureau's 32nd Annual Ag Days. Guided by Farm Bureau volunteers, they learned about agriculture at 25 learning stations. Topics included beef, vegetables, GPS-guided farming techniques and poultry. Short presentations by local

farmers, representatives from Ag businesses and organizations, and local FFA and 4-H members gave the kids a memorable experience.

Sandy Bickel, a teacher at Spring Trail Elementary, brings her students to Ag Days every year. "Through the year, we learn about agriculture in our classroom. This event serves as the culmination of all my students have learned," Bickel said. "To them, all of this is just stuff they drive by. It makes a

big difference when they can see and touch the things we have been learning about."

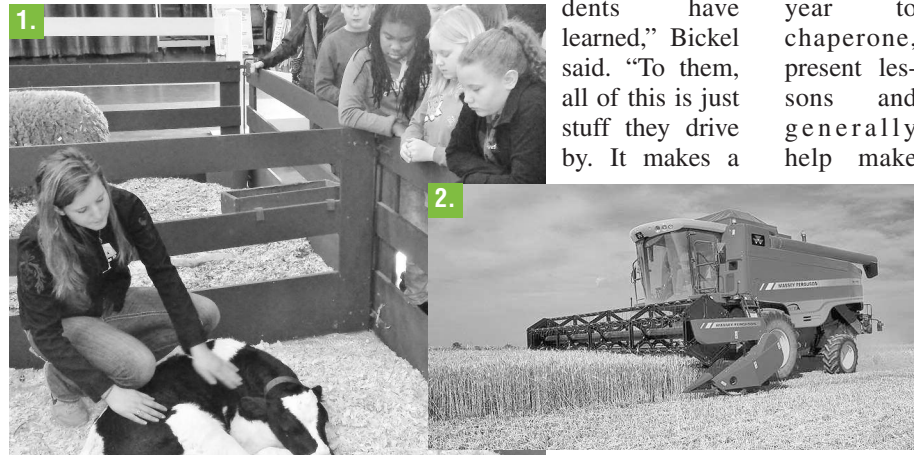
Kaneland FFA Advisor Laura Widhalm said the event has been a great opportunity for her high school students to volunteer and build skills. FFA Chapters from Hinckley Big Rock and Burlington Central also volunteer every year to chaperone, present lessons and generally help make

the event go more smoothly.

"It's good to teach these kids at a young age about the agriculture industry," Widhalm said. "It also allows a chance for my FFA students to represent agriculture and gain leadership and presentation skills." Burlington Central FFA Advisory Ryan Robinson echoed Widhalm's remarks say-

ing that, "as more and more kids are further removed from the farm, it's good to educate them. My FFA students are learning to give back and be better citizens through educating these younger students about agriculture."

Ag Days is only possible through a generous outpouring of time, talents and energy by dozens and dozens of volunteers. We've expressed our appreciation to as many of them as possible by name below and apologize to anyone we've overlooked.



1. A calf from Lenkaitis Holsteins made an appearance at Ag Days, along with chickens and rabbits provided by Clay and Mason Cargola. Mooseheart Farm provided sheep and goats for the kids to see and touch.
2. Students were excited to be up close to a combine. They also had the opportunity to see several tractors, a tillage implement, a sprayer, and a planter.
3. Kane County 4-H Ambassadors Gretchen Skaja and Nathan Holmer teach students about the 4-H program, what it offers, and how they can participate.
4. Master Gardener Susan Brauk taught about worm composting.
5. Dan Klein takes questions from students during his presentation.
6. Flo Dangelo is one of many volunteers who help make Ag Days possible.



What do fourth graders want to know about animals? Check out the top 5 questions Ag Days Top 5

Special thanks to these civic minded businesses who provided breakfast and/or lunch for the volunteers on hand each day – keeping them fueled up for the task of educating fourth graders about all aspects of farming. Your support of agricultural education is much appreciated!

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Special thanks to those who provided the animals – Sarah Lenkaitis, Clay Cargola, Mason Cargola, and Mooseheart Farm. Your support of agricultural education is much appreciated!

Thanks Mooseheart! In addition to the hundreds of hours logged by Farm Bureau volunteers to make Ag Days possible, a dedicated core of Mooseheart staff members makes things happen behind the scenes to help this educational program run smoothly. Kane County Farm Bureau salutes Mooseheart's Janine Silverman, Randy Busby, Derek Oleson, John Lundell, Mark Bauser, and Jerry Luther for making our 2016 Ag Days run smoothly.

For your assistance in teaching Kane County youth about agriculture at Ag Days, the Kane County Farm Bureau says

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- 2 How much do they weigh?
- 3 Where is their mother?
- 4 Do they (calves) have teeth?
- 5 What is the difference between eggs that hatch chicks, and eggs we buy at the grocery store?

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Plus.....chances to WIN A TRACTOR! (or lawn mower, or cash) in a FUNdraiser for Scholarships & Ag literacy.

WINNER'S CHOICE TRACTOR RAFFLE
Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation

Grand Prize: (the Winner's Choice)
1947 Farmall Super A
or 1953 Farmall Super C
or John Deere X300 riding mower
or \$2,500 cash

2nd prize: \$500 in groceries
3rd prize: \$500 in fuel
4th prize: \$250 in KCFB Bucks
Tickets: only \$10 each or 3 for \$25



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