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## KCFB contributes to CHAL for challenge grant

The Kane County Farm Bureau has announced its support for the challenge issued to Garfield Farm Museum's Campton Historic Agricultural Lands (CHAL). CHAL has been "challenged" to raise \$7000 to receive a \$21,000 Stewardship Grant.

The grant challenge originated with the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. It will be used to restore the Garfield Harley Ephemeral Pond and Woods. Additionally, 500 hours of volunteer assistance can earn the project another \$6,000 to aid in the restoration of this rare wooded wetland.

The Garfield Farm Museum is run on the belief that the incredible vast prairies that produced some of the most fertile land in the world in turn attracted the American settling farmers who had founded the modern world's first democracy. These interconnections are not realized by many and yet all Americans today depend so totally on these relationships. The \$500 contribution made by the Kane County Farm Bureau will assist in keeping this belief alive and help maintain the integrity of the historical farm and restore it to its original state.

Located at Illinois Route 38 and Garfield Road in Campton Hills, the farm is a great agriculture resource in the community. The historically intact farmstead and living history farm dates back to the 1840's. Most of the 375 acres and 20-plus historic

buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places and partnerships with various programs in Northern Illinois to help protect for the long term the historic, agricultural and environmental features of the site.

The challenge grant is a special honor for the museum. In 2015 it earned a \$12,000 challenge grant from the ICECF to combat invasive species on the Garfield Farm's Mill Creek Prairie, Fen and Marsh.

Garfield Harley Pond and Woods was purchased for preservation by CHAL in 2002 from a group of local developers. Containing a 1.5-acre vernal pond surrounded by 8.5 wooded acres, the seasonal dry down of the pond prevents fish habitat and makes a safe spring-time watery haven for frog and amphibians to reproduce and their young to flourish.

Any volunteer hours assisting in this work can earn the museum another \$4,000 and 100 hours of volunteer social media work would raise \$2,000

more. The grant also includes an 80 percent cost share of up to \$5,000 for any equipment purchases.

Stewardship grants for natural areas are not very common and this is a most generous program that aims not just to help fund but also recruit a network of volunteers to help manage such sites for the long term.

To undertake this project, volunteer activity includes clearing, seed collecting, location of drain tiles and removal, building deer fence to protect areas containing rare plants, plant and animal surveys from pond life to birds overhead. For those who enjoy social media, volunteering to post announcements are needed as well.

The Garfield Harley Pond and Woods acquisition was made to historically re-acquire acreage the Timothy Garfield Family had acquired in the 1800s. Secondly, wood plots were important to early settlers and their descendants when wood was still an important commodity for heating, cooking



KCFB President Joe White (l) presents a check to Campton Historic Agricultural Lands Executive Director Jerome Johnson inside a restored 1840's barn on the Garfield Farm west of St Charles. The Farm Bureau contribution is part of an effort to help CHAL meet a challenge grant goal from the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation.

and building. The woods here are more reflective of the woods that would have existed at Garfield Farm Museum but those have been degraded or eliminated by past agricultural practices. Garfield Harley was a great-grandson of Timothy Garfield and his grandfather

Jefferson Adams Garfield acquired the property in the 1860s.

Any and all donations are welcome. To donate to this effort or volunteer time, contact Garfield Farm Museum at 630-584-8485 or e-mail [info@garfieldfarm.org](mailto:info@garfieldfarm.org).

## The future of farmland protection

Since its establishment in 2001, the Kane County Farmland Protection Program has permanently protected over 5,600 acres of farmland from future development. At a joint meeting in July, the Boards of Directors of the Kane County Farm Bureau and the KCFB Foundation learned about the program's successes, its expansion and future funding options from Kane County Executive Planner and Farmland Protection Program Manager Janice Hill.

Farm owners who sign a farmland protection agreement basically sell or convey, through an agricultural conservation easement, development rights in their property to the County of Kane. The County then "extinguishes" those rights in the case of a perpetual easement (or establishes a "sunset" for the rights in a term easement).

Farmland owners continue to own, enjoy and retain all other rights and obligations of ownership, including paying taxes. The land can be sold or trans-

ferred, but cannot be developed.

Kane County's program is the only funded farmland protection program in the State of Illinois. Like similar programs, its public benefits include reducing sprawl, controlling the public costs of development, protecting of natural resources and open space and preserving regional food supplies. For the farm community farmland protection offers the promise of a future for farms, agriculture and rural life styles in Kane County.

Historically, it has combined grant funds from a tax on gaming revenues from the Grand Victoria Riverboat Casino with federal funds available through the Federal Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program (FRRPP). The FRRPP is one of the many titles of the Farm Bill, which also includes nutrition assistance, conservation programs

and commodity support.

As gaming revenues decrease, and with no guarantees of federal funds when Congress reauthorizes the next Farm Bill (every 5 years), the County is being pro-active in the search for new revenue to con-

Hill explained the concept of "transfer of development rights," whereby developers can pay to increase density in urban areas, in exchange for protecting farmland. Successful programs based on this model exist in Montgomery County,



Kane County Executive Planner and Farmland Protection Program Manager Janice Hill (right), led a discussion of the County's Farmland Protection and Growing for Kane programs and provided an update on the progress toward establishment of a Kane County Food Hub at a joint meeting of the Kane County Farm Bureau and KCFB Foundation boards on July 6.

tinue farmland protection efforts. This includes revenues for the complementary "Growing for Kane" program, established by ordinance in 2013, which expanded the farmland protection program to include "term" easements and to encourage the production of fruit, vegetables, meat and dairy.

Maryland and in the southern tier of counties in Southeast Pennsylvania. She also premiered a new locally produced video on the future of Farmland Protection in Kane County.

Other options to secure future revenues for farmland protection were also discussed. (continued on page 3)

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### August

##### August 1

National Night Out

##### August 2

Women's Committee Farewell Luncheon, 12pm, Fireside Grille

##### August 3

Board of Directors, 7:30pm

##### August 10-20

Illinois State Fair, Springfield

##### August 15

Ag Day & Young Farmers Quiz Bowl at State Fair

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##### August 24

Peach Pick Up, 2-6

##### August 26

A Day in the Country, Elgin



### August Featured Product Burgers

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# KCFB Board meeting review

The July meeting of the Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Joe White, President, in the conference room of the KCFB at 2N710 Randall Road in St. Charles, Illinois, on Thursday, June 6, 2017. Roll Call: Bradley, Carlson, B. Collins, Engel, Gaitsch, Gehrke, Keck, Kenyon, Kettelkamp, Long, Pitstick, Schneider and White, constituting a quorum of the Board. KCFB Directors Dan Heinrich, Bob Gehrke and Elmer Gramley were also in attendance. FB Manager Steve Arnold and Janice Hill, Executive Planner for the County of Kane, along with Brian Duncan, Ogle County Farm Bureau President, were also present.

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Agenda was approved on motion made by Bradley seconded by Pitstick and carried. Directors reviewed the consent agenda including minutes, membership reports and financial reports and other circulated information items related to the Association's operations.

Janice Hill, Executive Planner, County of Kane gave a presentation on the Kane County Farmland Protection program as well as a report on the progress toward the establishment of a Kane County Food Hub. Brian Duncan, President of Ogle County Farm Bureau announced his candidacy for the position of Vice-President for the Illinois Farm Bureau. The statewide associa-

tion will elect new officers and directors at its annual meeting in December.

Next directors discussed the Kane County Fair (July 20-23). Arnold informed members about KCFB's planned promotions, a new discount membership benefits app and the KCFB Foundation's "31 days of Christmas" raffle. Free ice cream, water, or a hand-held fan will be given to members who download the new benefits app at the Fair. The display will also feature a Cabela's prize display to help promote the 31 days raffle. Also at the Fair will be the Young Farmers farm animal zoo, foundation bucket raffles & silent auction, kids scavenger hunt for free ice cream cones, Young Farmers/AGCO grain bin safety display, 4-H commodity carnival, and hands-on agricultural learning activities (Thursday).

In board member reports, issues & concerns discussion centered on the Illinois state budget. In organizational and informational items, directors discussed the CFB Board Development Program (August 22 at IFB, 9 – 5), SWAT Team applications (due by July 31) at [www.ilfb.org/swat](http://www.ilfb.org/swat) and the "Fill IT IN and Win!" IFB Member Demographic information survey ([www.ilfb.org/fillitinandwin](http://www.ilfb.org/fillitinandwin)).

In local issues, Kenyon gave the Kane County Board/Forest Preserve District report. Arnold and Kenyon gave the Kane County Ag Committee Report and circulated the latest meeting agenda. Arnold and White

reported on the latest Regional Planning Commission meeting.

Bill Collins gave the PR & Membership Report. He informed the board of contributions to the KCFB Foundation during the previous month including: Harvest for ALL Contributions by: Mike and Carol Kenyon to Food for Greater Elgin and FOUNDATION contributions by: Alyce Konen to SPROUTS, KCFB Foundation

Jerry Gaitsch gave the marketing report, reminding directors about the upcoming "Smart Farming" IFB Farm Income & Innovations Conference (Commodities) on July 26 in Normal.

Wayne Schneider gave the Government Affairs report, reminding directors about the Stormwater Ag Advisory Committee meeting July 19 at 5:30 pm. Directors also discussed the Farmland Assessment Meeting, which was held on June 21.

A written AITC report was presented, informing Directors about Summer Ag Institute I (June 12-16) and II, (June 27-30). Myers also shared her experiences from the National AITC Conference, June 20-23 in Kansas City.

The Young Farmers meet on Monday, July 17 at the Kane County Farm Bureau to set up the KCFB display. The Women's Committee "Appreciation & Farewell" luncheon is August 2 at noon at the Fireside Grill in Sugar Grove.

In unfinished business,

Arnold provided an update on property taxes for the cell tower on KCFB property. Audit & Tax engagement proposals from CliftonLarsonAllen for 2017, and for 2017-19 fiscal years were discussed with no action taken.

Directors discussed responses to survey cards filled out at the June board meeting. These questions revolved around county fair promo ideas.

In new business, Directors were asked to fill out a July survey about the Farm Bureau membership category, Professional Members.

In his capacity as Treasurer, Mike Kenyon reviewed quarterly investment performance reports for the period ended June 30, 2017.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Gaitsch, seconded by Pitstick and carried.

Correspondence circulated included: Brian Duncan, Pres., Ogle CFB – announcing candidacy for VP of Illinois Farm Bureau; Brenton Bartelt – thanks to KCFB Foundation for 4 years of scholarships; Heidi Files – Kane County Fit for Kids – thanks for donation of 6 fresh produce gift certificates (Brown Bag for Healthy Kids promo) and, Cathy Sodoma – thanks to Women's Committee for retirement gift

The next scheduled Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3 at 7:30pm.

## Shopping for a new car or truck?

The Ford and Lincoln discount is back for another year and KCFB members are saving big bucks by applying this Farm Bureau member benefit to their new car purchase.

The Ford Bonus Cash offer is good on the purchase or lease of an eligible 2016/2017/2018 model year Ford vehicle.

In addition, Farm Bureau members get \$750 Bonus Cash toward the purchase or lease of any eligible intelligently designed

2016/2017/2018 Lincoln vehicle.

You must be an IFB member at least 30 consecutive days before the vehicle purchase or lease. Then, show your Illinois Farm Bureau Membership Card and Ford/Lincoln Bonus Cash e-certificate to your local dealer. Some vehicles are excluded.

For complete details about this offer, contact Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 or visit [www.kanecfb.com](http://www.kanecfb.com) and click on member benefits.

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## IFB has new membership benefit app

Farm Bureau members now can access additional member benefits and discounts when they're on the go with the new membership benefit web platform and iPhone App.

"We're extremely pleased to offer this new platform for our members, giving them added discounts on hotels, theme parks, restaurants, movies and everything in between," said Melissa Rhode, Marketing Director, Illinois Farm Bureau. "Best of all, the app shows both local and national discounts,

and can even notify members when they're near a business that offers discounts."

To access the new web platform at <https://ilfb.abenity.com>, members must create an account and provide their Illinois Farm Bureau membership ID number (ex. 045-99999, but do NOT use the letter at the end of the member number on your membership card!) Members can also go to the iPhone App Store, search IL Farm Bureau Membership Benefits and download the app

on their iPhone or iPad. Once downloaded, members may customize the app to include frequently used offers; search offers by business name, location and category; and provide instant in-store discounts at nearby restaurants and retailers.

"Our members have nothing to lose and everything to gain with this new platform," Rhode said. "Members will find more than 302,000 discounts on top of what is already available through their Illinois Farm Bureau membership."



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 JANUARY 2017 THRU DECEMBER 2017												
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B. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
C. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
J. ENGEL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
G. GAITSCH	X	X	X	X	X		X					
B. GEHRKE	X	X	X	X	X		X					
W. KECK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
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K. KETTELKAMP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
D. LEHRER		X	X	X	X	X	X					
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D. PITSTICK		X	X	X	X	X	X					
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# Protection

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These include philanthropy & grants, corporate and individual social impact investments and crowd funding. Through such efforts the County has already raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for its Growing for Kane program, including a contribution to the initial study from the Kane County Farm Bureau.

Much of the funds raised thus far have been earmarked for development of a local food hub, including farmer and institutional readiness surveys, a location search and operator search and funds set aside for

business plan development.

Lastly, Hill shared a timeline for Food Hub related projects and activities through the fall of 2017 and responses from leaders around the region to the concept of TDR.

It is hoped that through these efforts the county can garner more easements and farmland protected and more investment in local food production. The payoff will be in soil and water protections, more fresh local food, lower costs for municipal services, preservation of desirable rural/urban mix, more jobs and income in the farm sector and a better quality of life for all.

# Take advantage of FB member discounts for your summer vacation

Are you planning a vacation this summer? Take advantage of Farm Bureau member benefits on travel and attractions!



### Choice Hotels

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### Six Flags Member Discount

Thrill seeking Farm Bureau members and their families can once again get their kicks this summer by purchasing discounted tickets to Six Flags

Great America in Gurnee.

Call Kane County Farm Bureau to receive codes for purchasing discounted tickets online. The discounted price for a one-day ticket is \$43.70. Tickets are good any day the park is open, this year including Fright Fest! It does not include admission to Hurricane Harbor Water Park. For more information, call our office at 630-584-8660.



### Great Wolf Lodge

Farm Bureau members can take advantage of an exclusive discount at Great Wolf Lodge – America's largest family of indoor waterparks. Advance reservations are required. For reservations at any location, call 1-800-905-WOLF (9653) or visit [www.greatwolf.com](http://www.greatwolf.com). Must present valid membership ID or documentation at check-in. Call Kane County Farm Bureau for the discount code.



### Raging Waves

Have some fun in the sun (and water) this summer. KCFB members receive a discount at Raging Waves water park in Yorkville. Purchase tickets directly at the Kane County Farm Bureau for \$18 each and spend a day with your family. Tickets are for a full-day adult admission to the park.



### Santa's Village Azoosment Park

Members looking for a fun day out a bit closer to home should consider heading over to Santa's Village Azoosment Park in East Dundee. Members save \$8 on admission when they come to the KCFB Office to purchase tickets. Enjoy 20 rides and 100's of animals. Target audience is 12 and under. Open May 12-June 11 (weekends only) and open daily June 12-August 18. The KCFB member price is \$16.25 (no tax or service fees) with no blackout dates.

Farmland Protection	Growing for Kane
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established by Ordinance 01-67 (2001)</li> <li>Created an Agricultural Conservation Easement and Farmland Protection Program</li> <li>Voluntary</li> <li>Protected 5,600 acres</li> <li>Waiting list</li> <li>Funded by USDA/NRCS Federal funding and Kane County Riverboat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established by Ordinance August, 2013</li> <li>Created a local foods program, complementary ordinance to Farmland Protection Ordinance</li> <li>Expands ag easements to include term easements</li> <li>Sets goals for crop diversification, more fruit, vegetables, dairy and meat</li> </ul>

Since its establishment in 2001, the Kane County Farmland Protection Program has permanently protected over 5,600 acres of farmland from future development.

Learn more about it:

**The future of Farmland Protection in Kane County.**  
<http://kanecountyconnects.com/2017/06/video-story-kane-seeks-new-funding-sources-to-protect-farmland/>

**TDR in Farmland Protection, Montgomery County, MD**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCuM-v1F9tM>

**Kane County Food Hub**  
<http://countyofkane.org/ID/FR/Pages/FoodHub.aspx>

# Agri-Quiz Bowl to be held at State Fair

The 2017 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders Agri-Quiz Bowl will take place Tuesday, August 15th at the Illinois State Fair. The Agri-Quiz Bowl is for IFB members, ages 18 to 35.

The contest tests the knowl-

edge of young farmers in subject areas like agriculture and Farm Bureau, while encouraging teamwork and involvement by these future leaders. The questions are multiple choices. The team that is first to the buzzer gets to give their answer, and

hopefully it's correct!

Kane County will be represented by one team made up of members of our Young Farmers group. For more information on the Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leaders program, contact the Kane County Farm Bureau office.

# 2017 pesticide container recycling

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is encouraging farmers and agrichemical facilities to save their empty agrichemical containers. In August, sites throughout the state will collect containers. The containers will be recycled to make shipping pallets, fence posts, drainage tubing, plastic lumber and other useful products.

"This program offers farmers and agrichemical facilities a convenient opportunity to dispose of empty pesticide containers and demonstrate their environmental stewardship," said Agriculture

Director Raymond Poe. "I would encourage them to gather any containers that they may have been planning to throw in the garbage and take them to the nearest collection site."

Metal and household pesticide containers are not eligible for the recycling program. Collection sites will accept only high-density polyethylene, #2 plastic agrichemical containers that are clean and dry. Participants are responsible for rinsing them and removing all caps, labels, booklets and foil seals.

The program is a cooperative

venture between the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Container Recycling Council, GROW-MARK, Inc., Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, G. Phillips and Sons, L.L.C., Illinois Farm Bureau, and University of Illinois Extension.

To obtain a free brochure about the program, call the Illinois Department of Agriculture toll free at 1-800-641-3934. Single Day Collection sites and dates for the 2017 Pesticide Container Recycling Program are as follows:

Date/Time	Location	Contact	County	Phone
8/2 PM	Conserv FS	Jeff Baxter	Winnebago	Rockford 815-963-7669
8/3 AM	Conserv FS	Scott Creek	McHenry	Marengo 815-568-7211
8/3 PM	Helena Chemical	Dan Moore	DeKalb	Kirkland 815-522-3251
8/4 AM	Grainco FS	Josh Scott	LaSalle	Lostant 815-368-3215
8/4 AM	CHS Inc.	Chris Ledbetter	Kane	Maple Park 630-365-5027

AM Site hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. PM Site hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Kane County Farm Bureau is asking members to Fill It In and Win! Fill in the survey for a chance to win a \$100 VISA Gift Card.

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## AG LITERACY CORNER

By Suzi Myers



The National Ag in the Classroom conference was held in Kansas City, Missouri this year. It was a 3 day event full of learning for teachers, coordinators, and others interested in agriculture.

The official start of the conference was Wednesday morning bright and early ... the traveling workshops morning. I chose to do a walking tour of Kansas City, including a back scenes tour of the hotel. We visited each major section of the hotel and learned how it works. The kitchen was fascinating with very few people creating the foods for hundreds of people. In housekeeping, we were shown how to make a bed by wadding the sheet and then tossing it up into the air and back to the bed.

Then there was a race, me versus the housekeeping pro. Needless to say, her bed looked much better when finished than mine did.

We then visited the 100 year-old Union Station. What a lovely building. When all the men came home on leave from WWII, they would meet their loved ones "under the clock" ... something that is still done today. The basement of the station was full of activities for children, so the building still sees many travelers and groups. The War Memorial is directly across the street from the station.

Our next visit was to Hallmark. We learned the history of the company, made a bow, held an Oscar in our hands, and got stickers, postcards and such to take home. I enjoyed "meet-

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ing" the famous Hallmark cards Maxine (actually just a statue that looks like she's speaking to you), but good photo op.

Lastly, we climbed/struggled up a hill to the Federal Reserve Money Museum. There we saw the Harry S. Truman coin collection, interacted with the various learning stations and got a bag of \$260.00 dollars worth of shredded bills.

The afternoon was full of breakout sessions, as was Thursday. Another coordinator and I presented two sessions on

Thursday about pollinators and prairie plants.

Thursday evening a group of us visited my friend's distillery, Lifted Spirits. They gave us a tour, some food and then we were off for the cable car. Such a great system which is totally free, clean, and it circulates throughout the city.

Friday morning we had more sessions and then the conference concluded with lunch. The speaker was Greg Peterson of the Peterson Brothers fame. If you haven't seen any of their

parodies, just go to u-tube and have some fun watching them tell about agriculture by making up their own lyrics to popular songs. We show some of them here during Touch a Tractor.

The conference finished, I flew back to teach my Summer Ag 2 class which was concerning STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). I like to add an A or agriculture, making it STEAM. We visited Ball Seed, FONA, Monsanto, Fermi Lab and Whiskey Acres ... all who utilize STEM in their businesses.

## Book of the month

*Growing, Farm, School and Me!*, written and illustrated by 6th grade students of Reiffton School in Reading, Pennsylvania.

So many times farm land is sold for development, as was the farm land the Reiffton School was built on.

Many times the history of the land is lost with the construction. Not so for the Reiffton School. The 6th grade students wrote this book to enter a "Kids are Authors" contest. Their dedication says it all: "This book is dedicated to Alice and Ronald Herbein whose farm gave us a place to grow. It is also dedicated to Dr. Nicholas Corbo who supervised our growth. Good luck on your retirement."

I go to school where cows once grazed ... where warm conversations once filled the dining room of the farmhouse...where Mr. Herbein used to plant barley, corn and oats.

The school was built on a farm, which will never be forgotten, as there is a huge hex sign on the floor as you enter the building. The students created mosaic tiles of farm imagery to be installed on the outside of the school, as well as a weather vane.

Each year they hold farm days, where the students learn about farming. The owners of the farm are involved in this day.

The book is delightfully written in simple yet poignant

sentences. It is available for loan from our library, which was the idea of Bob Konen and Dean Dunn. Stop by and browse anytime.



*Growing, Farm, School and Me!*  
Written and illustrated by 6th grade students of Reiffton School in Reading, Pennsylvania

## New book reveals 'Illustrated History of Campton Township'

Author and Corron Farm Preservation Society collaborator Adam D. Gibbons has completed what is believed to be the first-ever book on the history of Campton Township. According to a Corron Farm Preservation Society news release, *An Illustrated History of Campton Township, Kane County, Illinois* ©2017 has been published by Higginson Book Company, the largest publisher of genealogical materials in the United States.

"This book will be the first full history of Campton Township ever published, and is based in part upon the works and research of Lucinda Muirhead Corron," the release says. "Adam also used many of the documents and photographs in the Corron Family collection in his book, plus contributions from dozens of Campton residents, as well as schools and churches.

The book provides an illustrated history of original Campton Township residents and their descendants, a comprehensive table of contents and a full surname index. The online link to purchase this book can be found at [www.camptontownshiphistory.com](http://www.camptontownshiphistory.com).

"Over 20 individuals and groups donated thousands of images for inclusion in the book," Gibbons said.

In addition to the Corron Farm Preservation Society, major contributors were Chris (Johnson) Brauer, Joy (Bowgren) Nelson, the Town & Country Public Library, Filip Johnson, Mary Campbell, the

Sharp family, Mike Ormond, and Mary Mather, with contributions from George Bergland, Mary Damisch, Dolly Anderson, Barbara (Norton) Tamms, Sarah (Corron) Toms, Nancy (Mongerson) Warner, Wendell Craft and Jerry Johnson of Garfield Farm Museum.

The final retail purchase price of the book is \$52 per two-part set, plus shipping if purchased online. The book also is available from CFPS or the author.

Gibbons is a former researcher for a publishing company and has authored, *The Founders and Early History of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois: Volume I - Beginnings to 1837*.

- For more information:
- [www.camptontownshiphistory.com](http://www.camptontownshiphistory.com)
  - Corron Farm Preservation Society website
  - Contact Gibbons at [adamd.gibbons@hotmail.com](mailto:adamd.gibbons@hotmail.com)

### About the Corron Farm Preservation Society:

Corron Farm Preservation Society is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserve, increase, and enrich knowledge of the history of Corron Farm and early Campton Township and to provide leisure and educational opportunities for Township residents, businesses, and surrounding communities. Historic Corron Farm is currently listed on the Kane County Register of Historic Places. The Society is currently in the process of applying for National Register status of Corron Farm.

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# Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Suzi Myers



August is National Peach Month – it's prime time to enjoy this summer treat!

## The history of peaches

Peaches have an ancient history. They were first cultivated in China 2400 years ago and were carried along the old silk routes to Persia (Iran). For some time many people thought peaches originated in Persia, rather than China.

China's claim as the land of peach origin, rather than Persia, is supported by the fact that Chinese literature records peach-

es as far back as 550 BC, and also because wild peaches are found in China, but not in Persia.

Peaches were known to the people of the Mediterranean in the 1st century. There are ancient Roman frescoes depicting large peaches similar to those grown today.

Anglo Saxons had a word for peaches and it's obvious that

peaches must have come early to Britain, possibly with the Roman invaders. During the reign of Elizabeth I peaches, along with nectarines, were being cultivated in England. The Spanish took peaches to South America in the 16th century. By the 18th century we were being grown in California and in Australia by the 19th century.

## Children's activities

### Read

*James and The Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl to your child, or watch the movie.

### Will it float?

Have your children predict which fruit or vegetable will float. Then fill the sink or a bowl with water and see what floats ... peaches, apples, oranges, potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, and so forth. If you have access to an acorn squash, or pumpkin, try these ... since so much air inside, even though they are big, they will float. (Those that have more air inside will float ... a peeled orange will not float, but an unpeeled one will, due to air pockets in the skin)

### Make a peach out of a balloon, string and flour paste.

Blow up a small balloon. Make a paste out of flour and water. Cut peach colored string/yarn into 9-12 inch pieces. Dip the yarn pieces into the flour paste, pull out, removing excess paste by running the string through your fingers as you pull it out of the bowl.

Wrap the string around the balloon. Continue until the balloon is pretty well covered, leaving some holes. Hang up to dry.

Once dry, pop the balloon and remove it through one of the holes. You can add a stem made of paper or pipe cleaner. Hang from the ceiling.

### Plant your own Peach Tree

A peach tree may grow from the pit of a peach. It will take about three years for the tree to produce fruit.

1. Store the seed in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. The seed should be dry at this point. Do not place in refrigerator if you have apples or bananas in there. Rather store the pit at room temperature out of the sun.

2. In the fall, plant the pits about 3 inches deep. Mark where you have put them so you can watch for the sprout to come out of the soil.

3. Watch and see what happens to your seed.

For more information go to [www.michiganpeach.org/facts/pit.html](http://www.michiganpeach.org/facts/pit.html)

## Ways to savor summer peaches

### Peach Bread

- 2 to 3 fresh peaches (to make 1 cup finely chopped peaches)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup margarine
- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp vanilla

1/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 325° F. Wash, pit, and chop up peaches. Chop peaches finely, until consistency of oatmeal. Cream sugar and margarine. In another bowl, mix together dry ingredients. Add together creamed mixture, dry ingredients, chopped peaches, vanilla, and egg. Mix well. Add walnuts. Mix. Pour into greased loaf pan. Bake 55 minutes. Cool 5 minutes and removed from pan. Cool on rack.

### A few interesting peach ideas for you to try:

### Marshmallow Peaches

Cut peaches in half and remove stone. Place a marshmallow in each half, sprinkle with a little brown sugar and coconut and grill until lightly browned. Serve with ice cream or yoghurt.

### Peach And Prawns Kebabs

Soak bamboo skewers in water for 30 minutes. Peel and dice peaches and thread alternatively on skewers with prawns. Brush with melted butter seasoned with a dash of Tabasco and chopped coriander. Grill or barbecue until cooked through.

### Chicken With Peach Sauce

Pan-fry or barbecue 4 chicken breast fillets. Remove and keep warm. Add 2 peeled and thickly sliced peaches, 2 tablespoons marmalade or strawberry jam and 1 teaspoon soy sauce to pan. Heat and serve over chicken sprinkled with chopped chives and roasted almonds.



## Congratulations

**Tom Hosey** of Elgin! His name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search Puzzle. For his participation, he receives a fun fair-themed gift! Thank you, Tom, for reading the *Kane County Farmer* and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.

**P**eaches are a stone fruit, related to nectarines, cherries, and plums. They have soft, fuzzy skin which is red on a yellow to pale yellow background. Peach flesh can vary from almost white, yellow to almost red. Each peach has a pointed, furrowed, egg-shaped seed in the middle which comes away easily (freestone), or is difficult to remove (clingstone).

### Yellow flesh peaches

- Most of the peaches in the United States are yellow flesh peaches
- Yellow indicates an acidic tang with sweetness

### White flesh peaches

- Pale white skin with splashes of fluorescent pink, and the flesh has a light pink or whitish interior
- Very sweet with low acidity
- Smoother texture

### Clingstone Peaches

- The flesh of the peach clings to the pits
- Softer, sweeter, and juicier than freestone
- Ideal for baking
- Commonly used for canning and preserving

### Freestone Peaches

- Flesh doesn't stick to pits
- Preferred for eating or freezing

- ing
- Typically larger and less juicy
- Bake and preserve well

### Nectarines are just peaches without the fuzz

Peaches and Nectarines are very similar; however, the skin of a peach is velvety where as the skin of a nectarine is smooth. Nectarines tend to be redder than peaches. Due to the lack of fuzz on nectarines, they tend to bruise more quickly than peaches. Nectarines can be seen growing on peach trees and likewise peaches on nectarine trees.

### How Peaches are Grown and Harvested

Peaches grow on a small deciduous tree, 5-7 meters by 3-5 meters, with long, narrow, leaves which have very finely serrated edges. Its flowers can vary from deep rose-pink to almost white.

The peach tree prefers a light, sandy, well-drained soil where the climate conditions do not get too cold. After planting the seedling it can take up to 4 years before it produces edible fruit. Peaches are picked by hand when mature to avoid damage to their delicate flesh.

## Peach sayings

*Ah, it's a peach of a day!* • *Everything's peaches!*  
*She has a complexion like peaches & cream*

## Peaches

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- Panini Month
- Peach Month
- Sandwich Month
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- August 3**  
National Watermelon Day
- August 4**  
National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
- August 5**  
National Mustard Day
- August 8**  
National Zucchini Day
- August 10**  
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- August 22**  
National "Eat a Peach" Day
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National Toasted Marshmallow Day
- August 31**  
National Trail Mix Day

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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St Charles, IL 60174 by August 15, 2017 to be entered in our drawing for a peach-themed prize.

# Summer Ag Institutes 2017

Kane County Farm Bureau extends its deepest thanks to all those who helped make this year's Summer Agriculture Institutes a resounding success. The names, even of those who made presentations to the teachers, are too numerous to mention here. Additionally, we thank all those who helped with the set-up, logistics, lunches, materials and of course, cleaning up the farmsteads for the visits and tours. Your commitment to advancing education about what happens on your farm and America's farms is commendable – and much appreciated!



KCFB Young Farmers Sarah & Andy Lenkaitis appeared recently at a County of Kane Agriculture Committee meeting. The couple provided a background on the history of their farm, Lenkaitis Holsteins, as well as an update about replacement of the milking barn. The Farm has been around since 1983. Andy and Sarah took over the farm management in 2014 and currently have three generations of family involved in the farm operation.

## Illinois Farm Families works to connect consumers with farmers

During May and June, Illinois Farm Families reached more than 1 million people on Facebook and connected more than 15,000 consumers with information about GMOs during its "GMOs Disconnect" campaign.

Two short videos on GMO crops and GMO safety garnered nearly 6,000 views, while an e-blast featuring four farmers' perspectives on biotechnology was opened more than 500 times by Chicago-area consumers.

Illinois Farm Families also reached out to food influencers during June Dairy Month to reinforce dairy's role in a healthy diet. Partnering with #Foodiechats, Illinois Farm Families connected more than 250 consumers with local dairy farmers.

Finally, Illinois farmers Alan and JoAnn Adams returned for a second time as guest speakers for the "Introduction to Public Health" class at DePaul University. Alan and JoAnn spoke to a group of 26 students about beef production, including antibiotic and hormone use.

Nearly 100 percent of students thought the Adams' presentation was valuable; 100 percent of students felt "somewhat or very knowledgeable" about beef production; and more than 50 percent were "not very" or "not at all" concerned about the safety of beef raised by local farmers.

Illinois Farm Families are Illinois farmers who support Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Soybean Program Operating Board, Illinois Beef Association, and Midwest Dairy Association through farmer-funded checkoff or membership programs. We are committed to having conversations with consumers, answering their questions about food, farmers and farming, and sharing what really happens on today's Illinois family farms. More than 97 percent of Illinois farms are family owned and operated. We are passionate about showing consumers how we grow safe, healthy food for their families, and ours.

## What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

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

**SHERRY LOCHEN** has been named the Financial Representative of the Month for June 2017 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. Sherry has provided tangible plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of her clients through COUNTRY Financial's diverse products and services. Let Sherry's expertise help you! You may reach Sherry at 847-742-0004 or 847-742-0001, sherry.lochen@countryfinancial.com. Congratulations,

Sherry!  
**Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager**

**RYAN MIZGATE**, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for June 2017. 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!

## Recruiter of the Month

Each month we honor the person who signs the most members into our organization. This month, the honor goes to Felipe Rocha! Felipe has been a COUNTRY Financial Representative since August of 2011. His office is located at 541 N.



Felipe Rocha

Lake Street, Aurora. As a token of our appreciation, Felipe receives two tickets to Charlestowne Movie Theater. Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations on your success!

### Summer Ag Institute I – in brief June 12-16, 2017

Day 1	Course Overview Aurora University Registration Ag in the Classroom Presentation mAGic Kit Presentation Commodity group presentations Kane DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District	Suzi Myers, Instructor  Kevin Daugherty, IFB  Elizabeth Hagen Moeller
Day 2 – Tours	Otto and Sons, Inc., West Chicago (meat processing/packing) Gehrke Family Farm, Elgin – (hay production/marketing) Luck-E Holsteins, Hampshire (dairy/genetics) Esther's Place, Big Rock (fibers)	Darrin Lang  Bob/Beth Gehrke Engel family Donna Lehrer & Natasha Lehrer-Lewis  Matt, Dan & Alex Klein
Day 3	Klein's Farm Market, Burlington (vegetable farm) Buck Bros., Inc, Hampshire (farm implements) Nesler Grain Farms, Genoa (grain farm/grain handling) Apiary at Kane CFB (bees and other pollinators)	Nesler family Harry Patterson
Day 4 – Tours	Dunteman Turf Farm, Kaneville (sod farm, organic & conv grains) Midwest Ground Covers, Virgil (horticulture and mix plant)  Gould Farms, Maple Park (farrow to wean hog farm) Kane County Corn Growers (corn production/marketing + lunch!) Mighty Vine, Rochelle (greenhouse tomatoes)	Bill Dunteman  Stan Schumacher, Kevin Donnelly, Mike Krueger Eldon & Sandy Gould Jeff Keifer, Dan Heinrich and Joseph White Danny Murphy
Day 5	Teacher presentation of display boards for their classrooms Agricultural Careers, Joliet Junior College Soil Fertility & Crop Growth, Nutrients for Life	Bill Johnson Haley Siergie

### Summer Ag Institute II— in brief June 27-30

Day 1	Course Overview – Aurora University Registration Ag in the Classroom Presentation – IFB Connecting IFBConnecting Ag to STEM in your curriculum mAGic Kits presentation	Suzi Myers, Instructor  Kevin Daugherty, Suzi Myers Luke Allen FCAE
Day 2 – Tours:	Ball Seed, West Chicago (wholesale horticultural distributor) Fermi Lab Science Center and seed farm, Batavia Whiskey Acres Distillery Co, DeKalb Grain farm and distillery.	Jim Nau Susan Dahl Jamie and Jim Walter, Nick Nagele & Brandy
Day 3 – Tours:	FONA International, St. Charles (Developer and producer of flavors.) Monsanto, Waterman, IL (Research and Development to help farmers grow food)	Katie Sudler, Luke Slawek  Megan Windland
Day 4	Teacher discussions of how to implement new information into curriculum, reflections and lesson plans	

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## Dancing My Way into Member Benefits

By Kristi Van Oost



When I was in Missouri at school, my friends and I dedicated at least one night a week to blowing off some steam and learning some line dances. We would gather at someone's house, move the furniture out of the way, find a YouTube tutorial, and dance all night.

I have been back in Illinois for quite some time now, and have missed that weekly quality line dance time I used to have. Recently my good friend Morgan took me to a country night at The Lodge on 64 and let me say, I was officially hooked.

When I walked into The Lodge, it was a large restaurant, with family seating on one side, and bar seating on the other. At first I was curious as to where the dancing was supposed to take place, as it looked like there would be no room. Before I had a chance to ask Morgan how things worked, staff members began to rearrange the bar area, revealing a decent sized dance floor with ample room for dancing. Not long after, the dance instructor introduced herself as "Dazzlin' Dawn" and quickly invited people to join her as she taught a new dance.

The atmosphere was so casual and fun and the instructor was wonderful, that we quickly made attending Country Nights at The Lodge a regular thing. Normally,

there are 2 country nights a month, one to live music and one to a DJ. Morgan and I often take on a "girls night out" mentality, and treat ourselves to dinner at The Lodge prior to hitting the dance floor.

One such night I was pleasantly surprised when my phone lit up with a "perk alert" from the IFB Member Benefits App. The alert informed me that a discount was available for my use at The Lodge on 64. For just \$10 I could get a \$25 gift certificate, which is over 50% savings. Spend \$10 and get \$15 free? I am all about that life.

This is just one of the many instances I have been able to get massive discounts at places I frequent rather often. From shopping at a grocery store, to picking up a few treats for my dog and horse ... this app gives me discounts for it all.

Later in the year my sisters and I are taking a road trip to visit my uncle and cousins in Colorado. Not only am I in charge of planning the route, including hotels, but I am also in charge of securing a rental car. Thankfully for me, the IFB Benefits app can help me with that as well! Who knows, maybe I will be able to find some other discounts for fun activities along our way.

If you are interested in downloading the app for yourself,

which I highly recommend, search "IFB Benefits" in the app store on your Apple device or head on over to <https://ilfb.abenity.com> and set yourself up an account. Use your Kane

County Farm Bureau Membership number (045-\*\*\*\*\*\*) with NO letter(s) to set up an account, and start saving. You can search offers using business names, locations, cate-

gories, etc. and even change your location to see deals near you. To find your Farm Bureau number or for any questions, feel free to give me a call at (630) 584-8660.

## From trash to treasure

Jennifer Kresl, a Logistics Analyst at AGCO Parts in Batavia, has one unique hobby that sets her apart from other office workers. "Nerd by day, artist by night," said Kresl, who spends a good amount of her free time behind a welding mask, making one of a kind creations out of scrap metal.

After reading about how the Kane County Farm Bureau was looking for unique donations for the Silent Auction at the Kane County Fair, Kresl couldn't wait to get started on a new, large scale project to donate.

Her love for metal working started this year in February, when she stumbled across a class at the Water Street Studio in Batavia. Thanks to her natural artistic side, Kresl had taken numerous art classes at the studio in the past, however she had yet to discover something that really hooked her. Learning how to weld was something that had been on her bucket list for a long time, so naturally when she found the class, she couldn't wait. After just one session she was hooked, and after a few more she ended up purchasing her own materials so she could perfect her new found skill at home.

"The first step in the process

is always having an idea" Kresl said when asked about the creation process. Once a firm idea of what to make is established, she decides how to go about creating the piece and gathers the needed supplies. When it comes

and building from there. After building a section, they are primed and painted. Once all sections are created and painted for the first time, they are sanded down, and welded together before being painted again as a whole.

"It's kind of a backwards process" Says Kresl. "I make things pretty, mess them up, then make them pretty again."

When thinking about what to make for the Fair, Kresl wanted something that the agriculture community would enjoy. She chose a tractor as it was a cool way to promote the AGCO Company (which donated some spare parts to her project). The model tractor she made to donate to the Silent Auction for the KCFB Foundation was one of the biggest projects she has taken on so far. The project took her months to complete, and she even opted to use a real tractor seat she found in a scrap yard.

The patriotic painted tractor sculpture was first seen at the Kane County Fair and can now be viewed at the Kane County Farm Bureau. A silent auction for the item started at the Kane County Fair and will conclude on Friday, September 15 at 3:00 pm, with the highest bidder taking it home. To place a bid on this one of a kind piece of agriculture yard art, contact Steve Arnold at the Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 or [steve@kanecfb.com](mailto:steve@kanecfb.com). All proceeds benefit the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation.



Now is your chance to get a one-of-a-kind piece of agriculture yard art, the perfect accessory to your farm or lawn. Created by Jennifer Kresl, a Logistics Analyst at AGCO Parts in Batavia, this patriotically painted metal tractor is being auctioned off in support of the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation. It can be seen at the Kane County Farm Bureau office. To place your bid, contact Steve Arnold at (630) 584-8660 by September 15th.

to materials, Kresl prefers scrap metal to anything else. She uses a "scrap for a cause" mentality, always looking to reuse and repurpose metal in her creations.

After she has a solid idea and the necessary materials, she begins by welding each piece in sections, starting with a frame

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## Silent Auction continues through September 15

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tiful relics

A silent auction for the cabinets began at the Kane County Fair and will conclude on Friday, September 15 at 3:00 pm. Funds raised will be donated to the agriculture program at Hinckley Big Rock High School where the cabinets were originally installed in the late 1950's.

To place a bid on these locally manufactured St. Charles Steel cabinets, contact Steve Arnold at the Kane County Farm Bureau at (630)-584-8660 or [steve@kanecfb.com](mailto:steve@kanecfb.com).

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- D) Original countertops, backsplash and two-basin porcelain sink.



# 2017 Bucket Raffle fundraiser for the KCFB Foundation

The Bucket Raffle is a tradition at the Kane County Fair to support the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation in providing scholarships and internships at the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation.

Thank you to these local businesses who donated prizes for bucket raffles at the 2017 Kane County Fair. Your support of the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation's college scholarship and agricultural literacy programs is greatly appreciated. Winners will be notified via phone and will be listed in next month's *Farmer*.

AGCO Parts – Batavia  
 Batavia Creamery – Batavia  
 Beck's Hybrids – Atlanta  
 Blain's Farm & Fleet – Sycamore  
 C & C Mulch – Geneva  
 Café Roma – Elgin  
 Colonial Café – St. Charles  
 Costco – St. Charles  
 Country Donuts – Elgin  
 Country House Restaurant – Batavia  
 Designers Desk – Geneva  
 Eddie Gaedel Pub & Grill – Elburn  
 Elgin Park District – Elgin  
 Elgin Symphony Orchestra – Elgin  
 Fast Frame – St. Charles  
 Forest Preserve District of Kane County – Geneva  
 FunWay Ultimate Entertainment Center – Batavia  
 Geneva Commons – Geneva  
 Geneva Park District – Geneva  
 Graham's Fine Chocolates & Ice Cream – Geneva  
 Grand Victoria Casino – Elgin  
 Heinz Brother's Greenhouse & Garden Center – St. Charles  
 Hickory Knolls Discovery Center – St. Charles  
 Honey Oaks – Elburn  
 Hughes Creek Golf Club – Elburn  
 J & R Feeds – Hampshire  
 Jen Kresl – Warrenville  
 Jimmys Charhouse – Elgin  
 Johnsen's Farm & Country Store – Elburn  
 Kane County Cougars – Geneva  
 Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District – St. Charles  
 Klein's Farm and Garden Market – Elgin

Kountry Kettle – Elburn  
 Kuipers Family Farm – Maple Park  
 Lowe's Home Improvement – St. Charles  
 Maciano's Pizza – Elgin  
 Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament – Schaumburg  
 Meijer, St. Charles  
 Micheal Wurtz, St. Charls  
 Morton Arboretum – Lisle  
 Needle Things- The Yarn Shop – Geneva  
 Nicks Pizza Pub – Elgin  
 Paisano Pizza – Elburn  
 Penrose Brewing Company – Geneva  
 Preservation Bread and Wine – Geneva  
 Public House – Elgin  
 Randall 15 Theatre – Batavia  
 Ream's Elburn Market – Elburn  
 SciTech Hands on Museum – Aurora  
 Sorrento's Ranch – Maple Park  
 Spirels Frozen Yogurt – Elgin  
 St. Charles Bowl – St. Charles  
 St. Charles Park District – St. Charles  
 Sugar Grove Family Fun Center – Sugar Grove  
 Target – Batavia  
 The Spice House – Geneva  
 Town House Café – St. Charles  
 Tractor Supply – Carpentersville  
 Trellis Farm and Garden – St. Charles  
 Twisted Stitch – Elgin  
 USA Athletic Club – Aurora  
 Wasco Nursery – Wasco  
 Whiskey Acres – DeKalb

THANK YOU Morgan Wizvader and Andy & Sarah Lenkaitis for providing animals, hay and/or straw, and transportation for the Farm Animal Zoo.

Your Farm Bureau membership means Value

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Four Young Farmers from Kane County traveled to Canada recently as part of the Illinois Farm Bureau's annual Young Leader Tour. The group had the opportunity to see numerous farms, agribusinesses and associations, meet with similar young farmers groups and learn more about Canadian agriculture and one of the United States biggest trading partners.

Pictured on the steps of the FS County Farm Centre in Prince Edward, Ontario are Kane County participants (L-R) Wayne Gehrke of Virgil, Andy Lenkaitis of Campton Hills (IFB District 1 Young Leader Representative), Sarah Lenkaitis of Campton Hills and David Marshall of Sugar Grove. FS is a Farm Bureau affiliated farm supply and service company and operates in the US, Canada and Mexico. Young Farmer programs, activities and tours are open to Farm Bureau members aged 18-35. To learn more call 630 584-8660.

## Thanks to our donors ...



Our FOUNDATION is dedicated to providing agriculture based education for the next generation, and to meeting the challenge of providing food for a hungry planet. We look forward to continuing support for scholarships, along with local

classrooms and teachers, leadership training, and community youth education through grants to local FFA Chapters and 4-H.

The KCFB FOUNDATION offers its sincere appreciation to the following for their contributions. Names shown are pledges received from June 20 through July 20.

All past month's contributions came from AGCO Parts Employees in Batavia and will benefit AGCO scholarship fund(s) through the KCFB Foundation.

AGCO – Batavia Employees  
 (Anonymous),  
 — and —  
 Demetria Bowen  
 Diane Campbell  
 Daniel & Jacqueline Chapeck  
 Sandra Enockson

Lisa Green  
 William Huber  
 Pamela Magnus  
 Belinda Meyer  
 Mike & Karen Petingalo  
 Connie Reecer

Neal Rogers  
 David Rotolo  
 Greg & Emily Sanderson  
 Jeffrey Turk  
 David Ward  
 Christine Wennerstrom  
 Vanessa Zamiar

## Peach facts

- Peaches are a good source of vitamins A & C, and fiber.
- Peaches are available fresh July-August. They are also available year round frozen or canned.
- Peaches are brushed after harvest to remove their fuzz
- Peaches were not commercially produced until the nineteenth century
- The top five countries producing peaches are China, Italy, United States, Spain, and Greece
- Top three peach producing states are California, South Carolina, and Georgia
- Illinois is rated number eight in United States peach production
- United States supplies 25% of world's peaches
- The largest peach cobbler is made every year in Georgia and is 11 feet by 5 feet

- In 1982 Ronald Reagan proclaimed August to be national peach month
- During World War I, Girl Scouts would collect peach pits for use in gas mask filters
- The oldest outdoor festival in Arkansas is peach pit spitting
- Peach pits have been carved for several centuries
- Peaches come in over 200 varieties, some of our varieties are Spring Lady, Sweet Scarlet, Desert Red, Red Jenni, Flamecrest, Early O'Henry, Merit, Tatura, 211, and Oktoberfest.
- Peach juice is an excellent moisturizer and peach kernel oil, like its close relatives almond oil and apricot kernel oil, is widely used in cosmetics as it has a wonderful moisturizing, nourishing and healing effect on the skin.
- Peaches are considered a symbol of immortality and friendship and are found in many Chinese paintings, on porcelain and in poetry as far back as 551 BC.

## Order sweet summer Fresh Peaches



The Kane County Farm Bureau is now taking orders for juicy, homegrown Peaches fresh from Rendleman Orchards, a southern Illinois grower.

These delicious peaches are washed, hydrocooled, graded to U.S.#1 Extra, 2 1/2 inches and up in size, and packaged in a 25 pound wax coated fancy box with a lid. They are delivered to our office on Randall Road 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. The peaches are freestones (easily comes 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 or freeze them within 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 or cook with. 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 \$29 (Plus member price), \$30.00 (member price) and \$32 (non-member price). 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 **Thursday, August 24th** from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Farm Bureau office, west side of the building (in the shed).

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ \$29.00/box (Plus Member)  
 \$30.00/box (Member) \$32/box (Non-member)

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174 or call 630-584-8660

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS 5:00 p.m. **Tuesday, August 15**

Pickup is at the Farm Bureau on **Thursday, August 24th** from 2:00p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Now is your chance to have a piece of local history. your own 1957 original St. Charles Steel Kitchen Cabinets.

See page 7 to place your silent auction bid

