

# Kane County Farmer



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## Just in time for Christmas!



Our 2023 Vintage Truck Raffle prize is dressed up for the holidays! Call us at 630-584-8660 to get your raffle tickets for this 1965 International Harvester D900 step-side pickup in time for Christmas stocking stuffer gifts.

Tickets are now available for the KCFB FOUNDATION's 2023 Vintage Truck Raffle. They make great stocking stuffers!

The 2023 Grand Prize is a 1965 International Harvester D900 step-side pickup, with a 1960s vintage Murray Pedal Tractor as second prize. As in past years, Raffle ticket stubs

will provide FREE admission to Touch-A-Tractor in April 2023 on the lawn at Kane County Farm Bureau.

Tickets are \$15 each, 2 for \$25 or 5 for \$50 and ticket sales help provide college scholarships and Ag Literacy programs for Kane County students.

Return the form on page 8,

stop by, or call the Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 to purchase your tickets with VISA or MasterCard. Request tickets by December 20 and we'll drop them in the mail for Christmas gift giving!

The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, September 17th.

## From food to flowers: The conference you've waited for

Don't miss out on the first annual From Food to Flowers: Everything Local Hybrid Conference, held Jan. 11-13, 2023, at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Attend in-person or view live-streamed sessions remotely.

This combined Illinois Food, Farmers Market and Specialty Crop Conference is a collaboration among the Illinois Specialty Growers Association, Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois Farmers Market Association to bring together more people than ever from across Illinois' local food, specialty crop and farmers market supply chains. Available in both in-person and virtual formats, this unique gathering combines the best parts of the events previously known as the Illinois Specialty Crop Conference and the Live Local: Local Food and Farmers Market conference.

This one-of-a-kind event brings together specialty crop producers and buyers from across the state with other partners throughout the Illinois local food supply chain with the aim to more efficiently connect the supply chain, increase income generation, reduce business involvement in handling the product in

processing and transit; and promote fresher harvest and packaging. These improvements benefit the local economies and food opportunities of communities across the state.

development to farmers' market management and community food systems.

- Interact with vendors, associations and non-profits at the conference's trade show.

- Attend workshops on numerous topics. Topics include:

- Apple diseases in Illinois: updates, occurrences and management

- Management of curcubit diseases in Illinois

- Tour of lesser known and emerging pests in vegetables

- \* Dahlias ... digging, dividing and diseases

- Growing ginger, turmeric and galangal in Illinois

- Agritourism

- Liability insurance: Do you have the right benefits? How to talk to your provider

- Special events: bonfires, haunted corn mazes, fall festivals

- Social media – creating click-worthy social media graphics

**Don't miss a thing – call us today at 630-584-8660 for more information! Remember, KCFB will reimburse registration costs for any IFB sponsored conference for Regular or Professional KCFB members.**



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### What You Can Expect at the Conference

Aside from the networking opportunities to develop and share new ideas, attendees of the From Food to Flowers: Everything Local Hybrid Conference will have the chance to:

- Hear perspectives from general session keynote speakers who understand and champion the specialty and local food markets.

- Engage in breakout tracks ranging from grower production practices and business

## Register now for KCFB Foundation scholarships

Scan the QR code to start your application today. See page 3 for more information about KCFB Foundation scholarships.



## Farm toy of the month

Our December toy of the month is perfect for the petite farmers in your family The John Deere 1st Farming Fun Hauling Set includes a plastic signature green tractor/trailer, pigs, and

farmer to drive the tractor and haul livestock.

The set is \$17.10, but for the month of December it is 10% off with your Farm Bureau membership.

Supplies are limited, so we'll see you soon.

P.S. Our store is stocked with lots of fun farm tractors and farm sets, pedal tractors, ag-themed books, board games, puzzles, and much more. Stop in and shop for all the young farmers on your list.



## KCFB CALENDAR DECEMBER 2022

**3-6** IFB Annual Meeting, Palmer House, Chicago

**8** Board of Directors, 7:00pm

**14** Citrus Pick-Up, 10am-5pm, Heinz Brothers, St. Charles

**14** Holiday Ham Orders Due, 12pm

**22** Holiday Ham Pick Up 12-4:30pm

**22** County Agriculture Committee, 10am

**23** Office closed for Christmas Eve

**26** Office closed for Christmas

(All at KCFB, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles unless otherwise noted)

## Illinois crop progress as of mid-November



## December Featured Food Holiday Hams

The special this month is delicious ham for your holiday dinner. Each ham is individually foil wrapped and boxed, which makes them perfect for holiday entertaining or as gifts. They vary in weight from about 10-12 pounds for traditional (\$3.96 per lb. member price) and 7-9 pounds for spiral (\$5.91 per lb. member price). PLUS status members always receive a 5% discount on edible foods and monthly specials.

**Order yours today by sending in the form on page 8 or by calling the Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 by Tuesday, December 14 no later than noon. Pick-up is at the Farm Bureau on Thursday, December 22.**

# November KCFB Board report

To keep Farm Bureau members informed of the activities, discussions and actions of the organization, the report below is provided when space and time permits in the Kane County Farmer. While not official minutes of the meeting(s), this report is intended to keep members up to date on programs and issues of interest to members and the organization.

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The Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors met Thursday, November 10 with perfect attendance of Directors between in-person and remote meeting options.

Directors approved a consent agenda of minutes, membership reports and financial reports as well as routine annual contracts and agreements before welcoming Country Financial Elgin-St. Charles Agency Manager Jeffrey Orman for a report on the Agency's products, services, production and manpower.

In director reports, the economy, supply chain disruptions, and inflation were continuing concerns shared by the directors. Other concerns included comments on the need for domestic production of industrial products and especially computer chips, and that the farm labor supply is the worst it has ever been.

Directors reviewed an anticipated policy resolution regarding Energy as part of IFB Policy #12 on Utilities and Pipelines. Directors also received a November report of statewide "policy submittals and their disposition" by the IFB Resolutions Committee. Voting delegates and alternates to the Illinois Farm Bureau annual meeting were invited to a late November

District-wide meeting to discuss policy proposal submitted by members from around the state.

In old business, the 2022 IFB annual meeting was discussed. Mike Kenyon was approved as a delegate to that meeting to replace Dale Pitstick who has family obligations on the meeting dates. KCFB Vice-President Wayne Schneider and spouse Lisa will attend the 2023 American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting to be held January 6th through 11th in San Juan, PR. Directors were reminded of a December 2 deadline to register.

Management reported on the publication of a proposed bylaw amendment to allow members classified as "Professional Members" to serve on the Board of Directors. Publication will allow the Board of Directors to vote on the amendment at their December meeting.

Directors discussed and voted to retain counsel to represent the KCFB in a contract dispute before receiving a report of Harvest decorations sales conducted by the KCFB staff to support the KCFB Foundation's scholarship and ag literacy programs.

Directors also discussed proposed amendments to the Kane County Code, Chapters 12 and 15, as presented to the Kane County Judicial and Public Safety Committee. It was reported that the Chair of that committee declined to move both resolutions forward on November 2 at the County Executive Committee meeting, to allow additional comments. After discussion of the impacts on local farms, a motion to notify the JPS Chair and County Sheriff "that KCFB is opposed

to both amendments in their present form" was approved.

Correspondence with legislators who had achieved the IFB ACTIVATOR "Friend of Agriculture" designation was shared with the Board.

In new business, directors learned of the KCFB Foundation's acquisition of a 1965 International Harvester D900 step-side pick-up truck for their 2023 Vintage Truck Raffle. The KCFB Foundation Board will set ticket prices at a late November meeting.

Directors offered suggestions on priorities for the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors to focus on in 2023. Those included supply chain issues and input costs, an increase in and extension of the estate tax exemption due to rapid inflation, and steps to address the farm labor shortage.

The KCFB Annual Meeting was discussed with a Thursday, June 8 date set. Selection of a Nominating Committee for election of 5 Directors in 2023 for 3-year terms was also discussed. A slate of Nominating Committee members will be proposed at the December meeting. Directors with terms expiring in 2023 are Donna Lehrer, Karl Kettelkamp, Chris Collins, Craig Bradley & Joe Engel.

Directors approved a proposed Holiday schedule of 10 holidays for Kane County Farm Bureau for 2023.

Farm Bureau manager Steve Arnold provided updates on an IFB farm safety grant application, a winter "Rules for the Road" meeting and member recruitment goals for 2023. He reminded Directors of order deadlines for fresh HoKa

turkeys for Thanksgiving and holiday citrus for Christmas. Arnold also thanked Directors: Dale Pitstick – providing a location for a campaign photo shoot; Beth Gehrke & Craig Bradley – attending a Senator DeWitte F.O.A. presentation; Andy Lenkaitis – IFB Partners winter feature on livestock care; Jerry Gaitsch – making contacts on cell tower issues; Bill Collins – selling the winning VTR raffle ticket; Donna Lehrer – arranging for local farm themed baskets for IAA Silent Auction; and, Jim O'Connell – loaning a trailer to pick up 2023 VTR raffle prize.

In local issues, Directors reported on the October meeting of the Kane County Board Agriculture Committee, the Kane County Board and the Forest Preserve District.

Correspondence from Farm Bureau members was circulated to the Board including a Thank You from former IFB President John White Jr. for the October 13 recognition of his service and dedication of a tree in his honor on the KCFB front lawn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 PM.

*Welcome new members*

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

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

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

### KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE JANUARY 2022 THRU DECEMBER 2022

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
C. BRADLEY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
C. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
K. ENGEL <sup>^</sup>						X	*	*	X	X	X	X
J. ENGEL		X	X	X	*	X	X	X	*	X	X	X
G. GAITSCH	*	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
B. GEHRKE	*	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
W. KECK	X	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
M. KENYON	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
K. KETTELKAMP	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
D. LEHRER	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A. LENKAITIS				*	X		*	X		*	*	*
D. PITSTICK	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X
W. SCHNEIDER	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
J. WHITE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

\* Attendance by electronic means. ^ Elected to Board June 2022.

## KCFB to host 'Rules for the Road' Trucking seminar for farmers in NE IL planned for March

Illinois Farm Bureau will host a series of two-hour trucking seminars focusing on transportation laws and regulations as they pertain to the agricultural industry. One is planned for mid-March at a yet to be announced location in Kane County.

"There are some trucking laws that have been reshaped in recent years, such as the Entry Level Driver Training Requirement that went into effect in 2022," said Rodney Knittel, IFB assistant director of transportation and infrastructure. "These presentations are designed to take a closer look at these latest rules and provide an

opportunity for farmers to ask those ag-related trucking questions that they can't seem to find clear answers for."

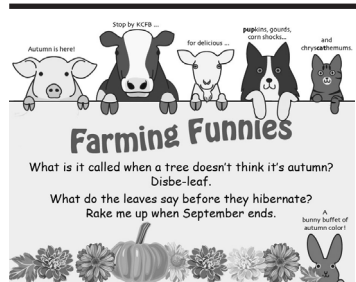
The Rules for the Road Seminar will cover recent changes and some of the more established but still misunderstood rules, such as the USDOT Number, UCR registrations and driver's license classifications, to name a few. In addition, one of the meetings from a central Illinois location will also be broadcasted virtually.

Knittel specializes in farm transportation issues and will

lead the seminar series, and he will be joined by Illinois enforcement agencies.

Rules for the Road seminars are open to all Illinois Farm Bureau members. Attendance is free, courtesy of your County Farm Bureau and Illinois Farm Bureau, but advance registration will be requested.

**Watch the Kane County Farmer in January for an announcement of the location of this educational program and call Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 to reserve your place.**



Like us on Facebook for a weekly helping of humor – our Friday Farming Funnies. You'll also find the latest info about our new Little Lending Library and ILLINOIS Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden, local farming folks and news and upcoming events and specials at Kane County Farm Bureau.

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# Up to 20 scholarships to help local student study agriculture

## Applications available for KCFB FOUNDATION scholarships

The Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION is pleased to announce that scholarships are available to members or dependents of members who wish to pursue higher education for a career in an agriculture related field. The applications are for the 2023-24 school year.

College students and high school seniors are invited to apply for these Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION scholarships. Go to [www.kanecfb.com](http://www.kanecfb.com) and click on "Scholarships & Internships" to obtain a QR code or download an application, or, pick one up at the KCFB office, Randall Rd and Oak Street in St. Charles. A brochure is also available online to assist students in identifying potential careers and areas of ag-related study.

Farm Bureau internships are also available for the 2022 winter, and 2023 spring and summer breaks. A separate Internship application is available on the website. The KCFB FOUNDATION provided 15 scholarships last year and since 1989 has awarded over \$500,000 in tuition assistance to local college students.

**Rodholm Charitable Trust Veterinary Scholarship**, up to \$2,000, for an Illinois resident and student accepted to or enrolled in a School of

Veterinary Medicine in the state of Illinois. The scholarship seeks to help develop the next generation of animal care practitioners.

**President's Scholarship** (1) \$1,500, reserved for the most outstanding application for a KCFB Foundation General Agricultural Scholarship from among high school seniors, will provide a minimum \$1,500 to be applied towards tuition.

**General Agricultural Scholarships** (up to 10 available) @ \$1,000 (minimum), for a KCFB member or dependent in good standing since February 1, two years prior to application deadline. Student must be pursuing higher education for an agriculture related career. A brochure is available to assist students in identifying those careers and areas of study.

**John Buck Memorial Scholarships** (2) @ \$1,500, through an endowment to the Foundation and supplemented by an annual John Buck Memorial Open golf outing, the fund provides for two (2) \$1,500 scholarships for higher education for agriculture students. Students in Kane, DeKalb, McHenry, Boone, Lake, DuPage or Will County are eligible to apply.

Buck was the founder of Buck Brothers, Inc. and J.W.

Turf, both of Hampshire, dealers and distributors of John Deere farm equipment and golf course maintenance equipment, respectively. The family & friends of John Buck established the John Buck Memorial Scholarship for agriculture students through the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation.

**Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship** (1) @ \$1,000 (minimum), established by the family and friends of the former Farm Bureau Director and long-time volunteer to provide an annual award for a student residing in Kane County pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related career field.

**AGCO Global Women's Network (AGWN) Scholarships** (2) @ \$1,000, for women residing in Illinois, pursuing

degrees in agriculture related career fields. AGCO GWN scholarships are supported by members of the local chapter at AGCO Parts in Batavia.

**AGCO Parts Division Scholarships** (2) @ \$1,000, for students residing in Illinois, pursuing degrees in agriculture related career fields. Local AGCO Parts division employees in Batavia raise funds to support this scholarship effort.

**AGCO Platinum Scholarship** (1) @ \$2,500, for an Illinois resident and currently enrolled college sophomore, junior or senior pursuing a degree in an agriculture related career field. Funds provided by special activities and projects carried out by our friends at AGCO Parts in Batavia.

**General Scholarship** (1) @

\$1,000, for a KCFB member or dependent in good standing since February 1, two years prior to application deadline, pursuing higher education for a career in ANY field.

For more information on FOUNDATION scholarship programs, call Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660, or go to [www.kanecfb.com](http://www.kanecfb.com) and click on "Scholarships & Internships".

Application deadline is February 15, 2023.

Scan the QR code to start your application.



## Honey, it's time to stuff the stockings!

Christmas is coming whether you're ready or not, so why not get a jump on stocking up on stocking stuffers? The Kane County Farm Bureau is featuring a collection of "the perfect stocking stuffers" for the people who have made it onto your "nice" list.

Mini, 2 oz. honey bears from White Farms in Elburn are sweet little bear-shaped jars of local honey. We have 16 oz and 24 oz. jars of White Farms honey also. Honey is the natural sweetener that everyone loves and pure local honey has many healing properties as well. \$1 from each mini-honey bear sale will benefit the KCFB FOUNDATION.

Besides mini-honey bears, we have a collection of local Illinois treats including peanuts and pecans, chocolate covered or salted; local Rollicking

Buckaroo pepper jam in mild, medium or hot; cute little stocking stuffer honey or lavender lip balms and glosses, Teeple Barn collectible coffee mugs (\$5); Pilot Knob blue or red "hull-less" popcorn; and the ever popular Pork BBQ Spice.

We also have a selection of charming, fun and inexpensive ag-themed children's books including *A Wish to be a Christmas Tree*, *Deck the Walls - a Wacky Christmas Carol* and *Making Butterfly Gardens*.

Whatever

your holiday needs, the Kane County Farm Bureau's Country Store has something for everyone. Stop in and visit us Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm @ 2N710 Randall Rd, cross street is Oak in St. Charles.



Colin Nesler of Genoa was the recipient of the 2022-23 KCFB Foundation President's Scholarship. He planned to attend the University of Missouri.

*Several Kane County Farm Bureau member farms and businesses offer Christmas Trees and some offer wreaths and roping/garland.*

~ These locations include: ~

- Heinz Brothers Greenhouse – St. Charles  
630-377-6288 • trees & wreaths
- Klein's Farm & Garden Market – Udina  
847-697-4910 • trees & wreaths
- Kuipers Family Farm – Maple Park  
815-827-5200
- Lee's Trees – Lily Lake  
630-365-2116
- Spring Bluff Nursery – Sugar Grove  
630-466-4278 • Trees & wreaths
- Randy's Vegetables – Sleepy Hollow (Dundee)  
\*Heiden's Christmas Trees  
906-280-1897
- Theis Farm Market & Greenhouses – Maple Park  
815-761-8374
- Tom's Farm Market & Greenhouse – Huntley  
847-669-3421 • Christmas trees

## Young Leader conference in January

It's that time of year again! The 2023 Illinois Farm Bureau Young Leader Conference will be held on January 20-21 in East Peoria! Registration is now open and will close on Friday, December 16 at noon. Space is limited and the Conference is expected to reach capacity quickly. If you are interested in

attending, please contact the Kane County Farm Bureau office at 630-584-8660 as soon as possible!

Registration will cap at 550 participants and registrations beyond the 550 will be added to a waiting list. Counties may not substitute members. If an attendee cancels, the spot will

be filled with the next person on the waiting list. KCFB will receive a list of the accepted members and those who are on the waiting list by the end of the day on December 21.

Registration is available ONLY by contacting Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660.





REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

JANUARY 20-21 | EMBASSY SUITES EAST PEORIA

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TYNE MORGAN

Contact your County Farm Bureau to register.



*Happy Holidays from the Kane County Farm Bureau*

### AG LITERACY CORNER

By Kelcee Miller, Development & Ag Literacy Program Coordinator



### Hello Kane County!

As the saying goes, the magic happens outside your comfort zone and I truly believe that! I recently stepped way outside my comfort zone and had the opportunity to attend Tony Robbins' Unleash the Power Within four day seminar last month in sunny West Palm Beach, Florida. It was an incredible experience and one that I will be grateful for

the rest of my life! Over the four days, I learned A LOT! I would need a whole *Farmer* dedicated to my takeaways and breakthroughs alone; however, this month I am going to share a few of my favorites!

I walked on fire! No really, I survived the fire walk! I walked barefoot on 1000+ hot coals, and the coolest part about it? I did not feel a thing! No burns, no nothing! Talk about a mental primed

peak state at its finest! It was truly an exhilarating experience! You are probably thinking, Kelc how is that possible? Earlier in the evening we walked through a series of mental priming exercises and how it all boils down to our energy and focus. Where focus goes, energy flows! We learned to stay in a primed peak state throughout the walk and my favorite part the celebration was at the end where participants got to unleash! If at any time you broke your mental state you could get seriously injured so the consequences were severe... no pressure! I learned right then and there how powerful

energy and the mind is when you truly believe in yourself and focus! Now I create more ways to continue that primed state in my daily life. Not that I am out walking on fire in my spare time,

have to love ourselves first and foremost. Let go of the lies or limiting beliefs we tell ourselves, create new patterns, apply them intentionally in our daily lives, and believe in ourselves. Energy plus momentum equals progress, progress equals happiness, and much like a muscle, the more you intentionally work on these things, the more they grow and the happier you will be!

A famous line from Tony

Robbins is, "Life is not happening to you, it's happening for you." Similar to my column from last month, daily intentional gratitude truly is one of the most powerful gifts you can give yourself and ultimately give others as well. When you trade your expectations for appreciations your whole life will change for the better! We all have the capacity to find what we love, and the more we train our brain to choose love and gratitude, the more abundant they will become in our lives. If you're interested in learning more, I encourage you to look up on Tony Robbins' daily priming on YouTube!

I could easily go on but I want to leave you with this as I conclude - you have the power and energy inside of you to create the life you want to live! Your biography is not your destiny. Recognize the patterns in your life and see where you may need to create new ones. Don't let fears or limiting beliefs control your life - you have the energy and the ability inside of you to lead, believe, create and set a new standard for yourself and your life. If you're not growing, you're dying and I have a whole lot of life left to live and I want to embrace as much of it as I can!

**Happy December & happy holidays!**

### Book of the month

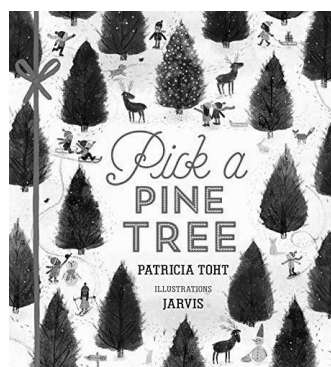
Do you have any special holiday traditions with your family? Perhaps it's baking Christmas cookies or baking cinnamon rolls like Joanie Stiers (page 6) or maybe it's playing board games with your family on Christmas Eve? Whatever your tradition may be, it is a special memory that will live on long beyond the holidays because of the joy, excitement, and moments shared with your loved ones.

The book of the month for December is *Pick a Pine Tree*, written by Patricia Toht and illustrated by Jarvis. This story walks readers through the excitement and magic that

occurs when picking out the perfect pine tree from fresh off the lot and into our cozy homes for the holiday season. Whether you buy fresh or have an artificial tree or two, we know trees come in all different shapes, sizes, and colors. With a little help from our friends and family, twinkling lights, colorful ornaments, and other festive decorations the plain pine tree transforms right in front of our eyes to a beautiful Christmas tree where memories are created and shared with friends and family!

To see the festive transformation and joy for yourself, come on in to the Ag Literacy Library at the KCFB and check

out *Pick a Pine Tree*. The Ag Literacy Library is supported by the Konen Family Foundation.



*Pick a Pine Tree* by Patricia Toht, illustrated by Jarvis

*Firewalker survivor, Kelcee! Kelcee learned firsthand how to use her fear before it used her and mastered her emotions to successfully stay in a focused primed peak state to walk across hot coals without feeling a single thing!*

but I practice the principles of creating energy and focus in every aspect of my life. I choose a mindset of a beautiful, loving, and focused state and you can too!

Another seminar takeaway is one of the secrets to life - power of patterns. We all have patterns in our lives, whether they are good or bad. We have the power to identify them and create and use new patterns. In life we can sometimes feel like we are not enough, or may feel "broken", and the truth is we are enough and we are not broken, we just need to create new patterns in our lives! We often have limiting beliefs, fears, or made up stories in our mind that we continuously tell ourselves. Over time we begin to believe these fears and they hold us back, when in reality they are not truths! Can you see where you may be doing that in your life right now? I know I did! We have the power inside of us - it's not given or bought, it's been inside of us all this time to change our state and create the life we truly want to live. We

## Helping you protect what matters most



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## Little Lending Library - December spotlight

The book spotlight for our young readers for December will be *Pick-A-Pine Tree* by Patricia Toht with illustrations by Jarvis. The book discusses the joy of decorating with ornaments of all shapes and sizes.

As an added bonus, try making your own cinnamon ornaments to hang on your tree this holiday season! KCFB will place instructions for this hands-on activity for parents and children in each copy of *Pick a Pine Tree* in the Little Lending Library in December.

Supplies are limited and there are no guarantees!

P.S. There are still FREE color-copied handouts and information about the plants and resources used for our recent Illinois Pollinator Rain-Garden project. And hey - while you're here, take your map and walk through the garden itself! Christmas trees will be available for sale nearby on the front lawn of the Farm Bureau.



Little Lending Library



Hot off the trailer! KCFB member services coordinator Liz Polovin directs traffic as this sweet little 1965 International Harvester pickup enters the KCFB 2023 Vintage Truck Raffle. See page 8 to order tickets!



# Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Kelcee Miller, Ag Literacy Coordinator



## Homemade for the Holidays

Folks really savor their Christmas food traditions. We asked KCFB staff members to share their

favorite Christmas foods, without which Christmas is a little less bright. Here are their tasty treats:

*A Christmas food "must-have" for my family and me would be homemade apple pie. My mom and I make it together every Christmas.*

— Jenna Rowe, office assistant

*My Christmas must is a tray of Christmas cookies baked by friends and family. I love sampling the different styles and flavors and hearing about the traditions and memories involved in the cookies people make.*

— Alice Macha, Communications Coordinator

*My Christmas food must have — that's a tough one because I LOVE food and if you haven't heard this already, Christmas/holiday calories don't count! ;)*

*However, IFFFF I had to choose just one food MUST HAVE it would be my sister's homemade mashed potatoes! She makes THEEE best! ;)*

— Kelcee Miller, AITC Coordinator

*It just isn't Christmas dinner without scalloped corn made with my late mother's recipe and homemade dinner rolls.*

— Audre Pack, bookkeeper

'Tis the season to savor the flavors that evoke holiday happiness. Happy holidays, KCFB friends!

## Salted caramel chocolate pretzels

### Ingredients

- 1 bag Kraft caramels (11 oz. – 35 caramels)
- 1 bag Snaps pretzels (16 oz., square shape)
- 16 oz white almond bark
- 12 oz dark chocolate chips
- Coarse salt
- Sprinkles (optional)

### Instructions

Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper and lay out 70 square pretzels

Open and unwrap all of the caramels in the bag, cut them in half lengthwise, and place one caramel on top of each pretzel

Place in a 250 degree (F) oven

for 8 minutes or until caramel is soft

Press another pretzel on top of each piece of caramel, gently pressing down to sandwich the caramel in between the pretzels

Melt the almond bark and



chocolate together in a microwave safe bowl, microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring thoroughly in between each time until the chocolate is melted

Pick up each pretzel by a corner and dip into the chocolate, leaving just the corner uncovered and place on parchment paper to cool

Sprinkle coarse salt or sprinkles if desired. Allow pretzels to harden or place in fridge until ready to serve!

Recipe provided by: <https://www.itsalwaysautumn.com/salted-caramel-chocolate-pretzel-recipe-these-are-amazing.html>

## Cinnamon stick ornaments are fun, fragrant

### Reindeer ornament

#### Materials

- 3 cinnamon sticks
- Red bell or pom-pom
- 2 googly eyes
- Hot glue gun
- Twine

#### Instructions

Hot glue the cinnamon sticks together making a "V", then put a dot of hot glue on each side and

lay another stick across.

Glue on the red bell and googly eyes.

Flip the reindeer over and hot glue a piece of twine to hang.

Admire!

### Christmas Tree ornament

#### Materials

- 4 cinnamon sticks
- Red and green buttons
- Hot glue gun
- Twine
- Cardstock paper
- Glue/Glitter

#### Instructions

Cut three cinnamon sticks from largest to smallest and then

lay out a cinnamon stick straight up.

Glue the biggest stick on the bottom and the other 2 on top and then glue on the buttons.

Cut out a star with cardstock paper and make it twinkle by adding a glue and a shake of glitter. Let it dry and then glue it on top of the tree.

Flop the tree over and hot glue a piece of twine to hang on your tree!

For more ideas and inspiration, check out: <https://www.craftymorning.com/cinnamon-stick-ornaments/>



## JOKE

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?  
*They always drop their needles!*

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack?  
*The abdominal snowman!*

What do you call a greedy elf?  
*Elfish!*

What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?  
*Orna-mints!*

What did one Christmas tree say to another?  
*Lighten up!*

For more festive jokes check out: <https://www.today.com/parents/family/christmas-jokes-for-kids-rcna48123>

## Congratulations

To **Susan Mikowski** of Elburn, the November 2022 word search winner. Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's word search puzzle. For her participation, she receives a fun prize to be picked up at the Farm Bureau within the next 30 days (prizes will not be mailed). Thank you, Susan, for reading the *Kane County Farmer* and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.

## December is ... National

- Peppermint Bark Day 1
- Eat a Red Apple Day 1
- Green Bean Casserole Day 3
- Cookie Day 4
- World Soil Day 5
- Cotton Candy Day 7
- Brownie Day 8
- Pastry Day 9
- Gingerbread House Day 12
- Poinsettia Day 12
- Cocoa Day 13
- Cream Cheese Frosting Day 13
- Ice Cream Day 13
- Horse Day 13
- Roast Chestnuts Day 14
- Cupcake Day 15
- Maple Syrup Day 17
- Wreaths Across America Day 17
- Bake Cookies Day 18
- Hard Candy Day 18
- Oatmeal Muffin Day 19
- Cookie Exchange Day 22
- Date Nut Bread Day 22
- Eggnog Day 24
- Pumpkin Pie Day 25
- Candy Cane Day 26
- Fruitcake Day 27
- Chocolate Candy Day 28
- Bacon Day 30

## National

- Month of Giving
  - National Volunteers Month
  - Worldwide Food Service
  - Safety Month
  - National Pear Month
  - National Root Vegetables and Exotic Fruits Month
  - Safe Toys & Gifts Month
- <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/december-national-months/>

## Holidays—bright & merry

B	U	W	V	Y	B	J	S	T	C	D	X	E	E	Y	B	G	B	Q	Q	Bows
Y	L	I	M	A	F	L	G	I	E	I	E	W	V	U	E	Y	U	B	O	Christmas Tree
P	S	L	W	Q	Q	N	S	C	T	R	P	R	O	C	E	K	M	N	N	Cinnamon Rolls
R	S	E	A	M	I	U	O	G	T	E	Q	R	L	N	U	I	R	I	Z	Cookies
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S	L	P	I	L	T	V	I	O	S	Q	H	D	E	H	S	E	U	O	A	Festivities
K	C	O	U	S	I	S	I	P	V	P	J	E	C	O	S	O	M	V	V	Fragrance
S	N	C	I	M	I	D	R	T	P	W	U	C	N	M	R	X	X	W	P	Giving
S	T	R	O	F	P	I	A	Z	S	D	P	E	A	E	S	E	L	O		Ham
Y	H	H	B	O	N	K	A	Y	J	E	L	M	R	B	C	D	I	K	E	Holiday
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H	K	R	L	I	P	I	W	N	C	E	V	E	A	K	P	T	Z	B	R	Joy
H	C	E	R	P	L	G	E	R	P	D	S	R	R	E	E	K	F	W	A	Leftovers
F	S	E	W	M	R	T	T	S	Z	I	F	A	F	D	S	H	F	J	W	Lights
S	N	O	I	T	I	D	A	R	T	D	E	W	X	S	N	N	G	F	Z	Love
W	P	P	F	B	P	E	A	C	E	X	X	M	C	J	X	V	V	V	N	Music
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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 by December 15, 2022 to be entered in our drawing for a fun prize.

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



mon roll dough rising in every warm spot of the house. I recall the rhythm of Mom rolling the dough at the counter and the way she uni-

formly sprinkled brown sugar and cinnamon across the dough, free from the over-applied globs I struggled with as a newbie. The timing at which to frost them seals the deal ó slightly melted to a transparent sheen to reveal the cinnamon-brown sugar swirl, but thick enough to sit atop a warm roll.

Dozens upon dozens of foil pans full of fresh cinnamon rolls left the farmhouse in which I grew up. Mom topped them with a bow for neighbors, landlords and relatives. I preferred mine at the dining room table with a glass of store-bought chocolate milk, which she purchased only around the holidays. I would slowly unwind the roll, eating it from tail to core every morning when they were available. I've eaten far more cinnamon rolls than my age for this annual tradition.

While much about the farm has changed with time and technology, we remain rooted in our favorite traditions. Nothing warms the soul quite like the homemade instructions that fill my recipe books. Even if it's pancakes.

Joanie Stiers farms, writes and bakes in west-central Illinois where her family honors the morning of her December birthday with a candle in a homemade cinnamon roll.

Homemade for the holidays

For the family's love of homemade cinnamon rolls, I quietly step through the silence of our predawn home and into the kitchen to get rolling.

Still dark outside, I work from the glow of Christmas tree and the light of the kitchen island, where I had staged the final roll-making supplies the night before. I softly stream holiday music and savor the early morning peace, interrupted only by the tick of a warming stove and gentle blow from the furnace vents. That moment continues a home-baked holiday tradition at least three generations old, taught by my mother and grandmother before me. Now, my daughter often joins me.

Two hours later, the fragrance of baked cinnamon rolls fills the house, something like the loving aroma of a Thanksgiving meal. The household stirs, ready for the sweet, warm richness we enjoy around the holidays. When age 4, our son provided the only objection that I can recall. Mind you, I had sacrificed sleep to make the family-recipe rolls when he awoke and asked for pancakes. I managed to laugh at his innocent, insulting request. Now 10 years later, the cinnamon rolls have won him over.

As a kid, I remember cinna-

SNOW ... AND OTHER 4-LETTER WORDS

By Alice Macha Communications Coordinator



I'm about to discuss a subject so polarizing (north AND south poles), that it creates a blizzard of controversy and sometimes can't be discussed with civility. Nope, not politics ... SNOW.

The snow-litical camps are divided on either side of the (snow) fence. I have friends who couldn't wait to retire to a home in Idaho (elev. 6,100 ft) for plenty of skiing, skating, ice hockey and shoveling. For them, snow is fluffy fairy dust delight. I admit, they are a little flaky.

For many folks, the mere mention of snow unleashes a stream of snow-fanity. They curse at the thought of shoveling, salting, driving and dealing with SNOW. I think the majority of Illinois retirees want to head to warmer climes - TN, FL, AZ. What are they trying to escape? SNOW.

Two of my siblings are in the Seattle area, and are quite smug about their mild winters. They choose mid-January days to text comments and photos from their Pac Northwest gloom of emerging daffodils and budding primroses. Their snowfall is mostly contained in the winter wonderland of the Cascade mountain range and can be visited if ones' longing drifts that way, and then easily escaped for the tepid temps of Seattle. I must confess I felt a certain cold-hearted satisfaction when a 6.4" snowfall in February 2019 froze commerce and activity in the city for several days.

I like snowflakes individually, but those little flakes gang up on us! Driving in sticking snow is a white knuckle nightmare for me. As I've aged (another 4-letter word, Merriam-Webster be \*!#!#\*), ice is my nemesis. A glaze of ice can be a cr-ice-is on

the road, with vehicles in ditches, doing lazy donuts in traffic despite driver's best intentions, or parking up the wrong tree. I also worry about ice injuries - my sister tore her rotator cuff last winter in a fall on ice and spent subsequent months plowing through surgery and rehab. Got her out of shoveling snow!

I am proud to promote a great idea for the snow-prone areas of our nation - hibernation! We could draw up the bed covers January 1st and snooze til the end of February. We would catch up on rest, avoid the rounds of nasty winter viruses and snore softly and securely through snowfalls, waking around the time our snowdrops are emerging from the receding snow. This idea puts the win in winter! It's an idea is so great, I'm thinking of a (ski) run for president. I may throw my (snow) hat in the rink.

Hmm - it's getting pretty deep around here. I sure can shovel it, can't I?

Whether you're dreaming of a white Christmas or scheming a winter trip to the sunbelt, I wish you very happy holidays and a new year that you really dig.

Lesson in a Bucket Specialty crops & seasons featured in December

Are you an elementary teacher in Kane County? Are you looking for fun and innovative ways to bridge the gap between agriculture and your classroom? Look no further than Lesson-In-A-Bucket! NEW this year, KCFB will be offering lending monthly themed ag-lessons in a 5-gallon chore bucket - yes just like the ones you would find on the farm! Complete with themed books, activities, and Ag-Mags about given topics such as apples, pumpkins, or corn!

This month's theme is all about specialty crops with a twist of the seasons! Inside the chore bucket, K-5 teachers will find a classroom a limited Specialty Crops Ag-Mags and Seasons Ag-Mags that pairs perfectly with the Seasons Ag-Venture that helps students apply their science and literacy skills along with some

fresh fun!

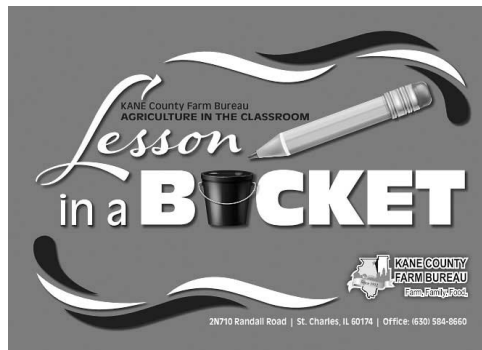
In addition, teachers will find specialty crops themed activities such as Tops and Bottoms which is a hands on activity that deepens students understanding of how different

Keep things festive in your classroom this holiday season with Paper Poinsettia that tests students' literacy and art skills while learning about the different parts of a poinsettia plant!

Santa stuffed this stocking - I mean bucket - full of a variety of interactive plans about specialty crops and seasons that go hand-in-hand that lay out the learning blueprint including target grade, subject, length of lesson, objective, materials needed, standards, suggested readings (yes - some you will find in the bucket!) as well as instructions from beginning to end.

We hope you are excited select us as the specialty grower this season and allow us to help sow the seeds and bring agriculture into your classroom!

Call Kelcee at 630-584-8660 to reserve yours today!



vegetables grow and learn about different parts of the vegetables we eat! In addition, students will stay in the holiday spirit with a science activity where they will learn about poinsettias with pH Poinsettia that challenges students to think deeply about acidic and basic solutions.

Welcome to the next level

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

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

- John Deere, Case IH, restaurants, hotels & travel
• Discounts at the KCFB Country Store on in-house sales of featured local foods

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

Regular Members
Alex Klein Burlington
Mary Beth Peplow Middleburg

- and hunger relief:
• Professional networking opportunities & engagement with farmers
• Agriculture, farm & food news delivered to your door
• New subscription to FarmWeek, the largest weekly agriculture newspaper
• Access to FarmWeekNow.com
• KCFB voting rights & ILFB delegate opportunities
• Continuing subscription to the Kane County Farmer newspaper
• Free annual registration at one of 7 statewide conferences
• 302,000 member discounts, including Ford, Lincoln,

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# Christmas tree discount for KCFB members

Marks' Tree Farm, which has been doing business in St. Charles for three decades, will establish a Christmas tree lot at the Kane

County Farm Bureau between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Marks' provides quality, fresh cut Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Spruce

and White Pines grown on their farm in Northern Wisconsin. They also offer evergreen wreaths and crosses, perfect for doors or

walls that need a little "sprucing" up!

Kane County Farm Bureau members will receive a \$10.00 discount on all trees on the lot. We hope you take advantage of this convenient and money saving member service. And, while you are at the Farm Bureau, stop inside for holiday gift ideas including farm toys, puzzles, branded apparel, and a selection

of local meats, honey, seasoning, and much, much more!



# Save time and renew online

It's easy to make sure your Farm Bureau Membership is current. The Illinois Farm Bureau provides many services to all Kane County Farm Bureau members, for example, online membership renewal through their website.

Did you know you can renew your Farm Bureau membership online? You can also view your payment history, print a lost or updated membership card, and update your account information including address, spouse/

dependents, phone and e-mail all through the Member Center of the website.

To do this, simply visit [www.ilfb.org](http://www.ilfb.org). Click on the Membership tab at the top, and then Renew your membership. You will be asked to register using your Farm Bureau number and to create a username and password.

The ability to check your membership information anytime, anywhere can help prevent unwanted Farm Bureau mem-

bership late fees and keep you eligible for COUNTRY Mutual and COUNTRY Preferred insurance coverages. Don't delay, check to make sure your information is updated today!

REMINDER: Regular (voting) and Professional Members are due for renewal in September. Associate members' renewal dates vary, please sign on to the website or call the Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 to check on the status of your membership.

# Have a farm product to sell?

The Kane County Farm Bureau Country Store is in search of local cottage food products from members. We are looking for unique items that will add a special flavor to a meal, make the perfect sauce, or are the snacks that you just can't put down!

Please contact us with your non-perishable or shelf-stable items either in person, via e-

mail, or give us a call to discuss. Here is our contact information:

2N710 Randall Rd, St. Charles, IL 60174, [steve@kanecfb.com](mailto:steve@kanecfb.com), 630-584-8660.



# Thanks to our donors

The KCFB FOUNDATION offers its sincere appreciation to the following for their contributions to our hunger relief, community service, education, and scholarship programs. Names shown are contributions received October 15–November 16, 2022.



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We sincerely appreciate your willingness to help support agricultural education, scholarships, leadership training, and community youth education as well. We could not do it without your support!



# Charitable Giving

## through Individual Retirement Accounts

If you are over 70 1/2, the Federal government may permit you to roll over up to \$100,000 from your IRA to charity without increasing your taxable income or paying any additional tax. These tax-free rollover gifts could be \$1,000, \$10,000 or any amount up to \$100,000 this year. If you are 72 or over, the gift may satisfy your required minimum distribution for this year. Simply contact your custodian and request that an amount up to \$100,000 be transferred to the charity of your choice.



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# What's new at COUNTRY?

St. Charles Agency, Jeff Orman, Agency Manager

Congratulations to Bob Riedel, who has been named the October Rep of the Month in the COUNTRY Financial® St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Jeffrey Orman. Bob is a great asset to our team and is dedicated to providing tangible plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of his clients through our Auto, Home, Farm, Life, Business, and Retirement products and services. Let Bob's expertise help you! You may reach Bob at 847-428-5434, or [Bob.Riedel@CountryFinancial.com](mailto:Bob.Riedel@CountryFinancial.com), or <https://representatives>.

[CountryFinancial.com](http://CountryFinancial.com)/Bob.Riedel. Congratulations, Bob!

Aurora Agency, Alonzo Nevarez, Agency Manager

Greg LeBeau, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for October 2022. Greg began his career with COUNTRY Financial in October of 1987 and services clients out of his office located at: 1920 Wilson Street, Batavia, 60510, (630) 406-6900. Greg's professionalism and vast knowledge of auto, home, life, and commercial products make him a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Greg!

# Recruiter of the Month

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



Felipe Rocha

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

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

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Classified advertising rates: 20 cents per word/\$20 minimum (60 words or less). DISCOUNTS for members: Associate members, 20%; Voting members, 30%; PLUS members, 40%. Advance payment requested. Ads due by the 15th of every month for the next issue. No advertising (classified or display) for financial or insurance services will be accepted. Call 630-584-8660.

### SERVICES

MASSAGE THERAPY: Treat yourself to 60 or 90 minutes of relaxation, pain relief, or both. Deep tissue, acupressure, or Swedish. Certified, experienced. Call Susanne Marshall, L.M.T., 630-699-5610.

### WANTED

CUSTOMER SERVICE- 30-35 hours weekly, M-F. Applicant must be a computer literate, self-

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

### FOR RENT

Office space for rent. Located in St. Charles. Approximately 150 x 30. \$3,000 per month, includes utilities and trash pickup. Call 630-584-6166.

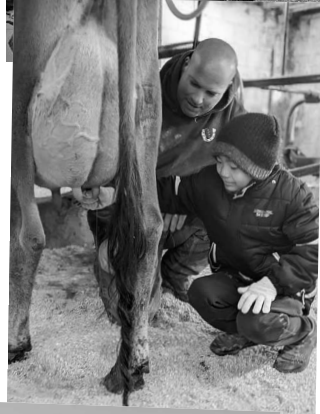
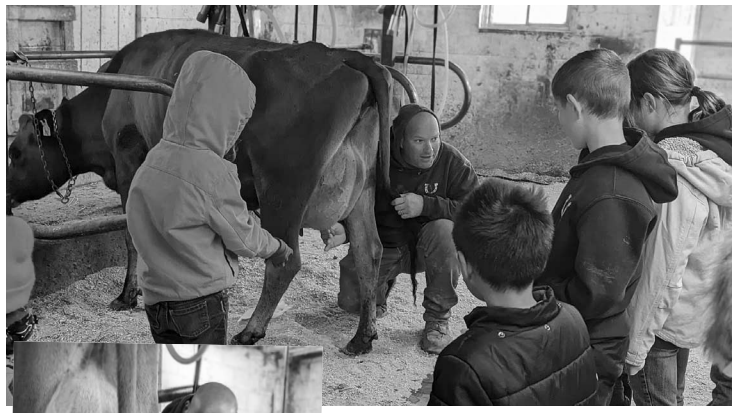
### FOR SALE

IH, C tractor, 2 row cult. Runs good, about 1950 2nd C tractor for parts. Best offer. Call Lynn: 847-464-5447

Toy tractors-IH-1586-A-AV-C, AC-G and JD-4420. Call Lynn: 847-464-5447

# LuckE Holsteins dairy farm tour

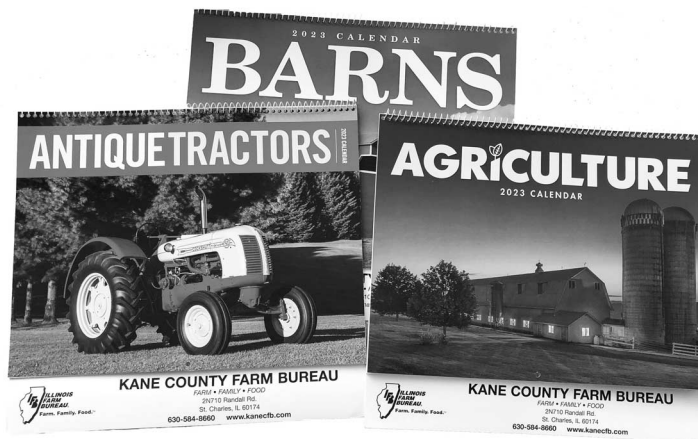
On a sunny and crisp November morning, Joe and Margaret Engel of Hampshire hosted the Arch Angels Academy Homeschool K-1st grader group. While on the farm the students learned firsthand about farming, where their food comes from, and dairy cattle. Ag Literacy Coordinator, Kelcee Miller gave a brief presentation about "Where Cheese Burgers Come From" that illustrated how all of their favorite parts of their tasty meal are grown right on the farm! Then the students had the opportunity to milk a couple cows with the assistance of Farmer Joe! The students also got to pet twin three-day old calves; enjoy a hayride around the outskirts of the farm; pet and brush the Engel's two donkeys, Mama Izzy and her baby; Ruthie. With the guidance of Hope (10), Blake (9), and Hailey (7) Engel, the children rode Georgia, one of the Engel's two horses around the arena; and played in the farmyard.



Local drone operator and Kane-DuPage SWCD Resource Conservationist Patrick Mc Partlan captured this photo as the first snow fell on the Illinois Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden in mid-November. The cooler ground temperatures of the bare and mulched areas stand in contrast to the turf grasses and parking lot, and even the river shaped walking paths in the garden. This aerial photo also captures a sense of the scale of the garden with the 7,200 square foot KCFB office building and its parking lot with cars in the background.

# Farm Bureau 2023 calendar gifts to members

In appreciation of our Kane County Farm Bureau members, we have 2023 wall calendars featuring antique tractors, barns or agriculture. Pick up your FREE calendar at our St. Charles office while supplies last – 2023 will be here before we know it.



## Travel with Farm Bureau—New England Rails & Sails – Fall 2023

Kane County Farm Bureau is joining with three other northern IL farm bureaus to offer a beautiful rail and sail tour of New England in autumn. The tour is coordinated through Mayflower Tours.

The tour is scheduled for September 23-30, 2023 and begins in Boston, MA. Tour highlights include:

- 14 meals; 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners
- Round trip airport transfers
- Three New England Train tours – the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad, Conway Scenic Railroad and Essex Steam Train
- Three New England Cruises – Portland's Casco Bay, Becky Thatcher riverboat cruise, Captain John whale watching cruise.
- City tour of Boston with a local guide
- A visit to Kennebunkport, ME
- A night in the mountain town of North Conway, NH
- A trip through the

Kancamagus Scenic Byway and fall foliage through the White Mountains

- Two nights at the Foxwoods Resort Casino

Prices are \$3,499 per person twin, single room is an additional \$1,439. Mayflower is offering free airfare when trip is booked by January 31, 2023.



**FREE AIRFARE** when booked before Jan. 31, 2023



If you have questions or want to book your trip, call KCFB at 630-584-8660. Happy travels!

### Vintage Truck Raffle

KCFB Foundation



Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets (\$15 each, 2 for \$25, or 3 for \$50)

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

For gift giving, name to put on ticket(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Visa  MC # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVC code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ *\*Must be 18 or older to enter drawing*

## December Special Holiday Hams!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member number \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate quantity:  
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS NOON, Tuesday, December 14.  
Payment is due at pickup at Kane County Farm Bureau (Randall Rd. & Oak St., St. Charles) on Thursday, December 22.

### Traditional

Plus Mbr. (\$3.77/lb) \_\_\_\_\_

Member (\$3.96/lb.) \_\_\_\_\_

Non-mbr. (\$4.83/lb) \_\_\_\_\_

### Spiral Slice

Plus Mbr. (\$5.61/lb) \_\_\_\_\_

Member (\$5.91/lb) \_\_\_\_\_

Non-mbr. (\$7.26/lb) \_\_\_\_\_

