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Carlsons fund new KCFB FOUNDATION scholarship

The Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION is pleased to announce the addition of a new scholarship for 2019, funded by former KCFB Director Frank Carlson and his wife Ruth, of St. Charles. The Ruth & Frank Carlson Scholarship will provide a \$1,500 college award for a student studying at Waubesa Community College, Elgin Community College or ANY college or University in the state of Minnesota.

Carlson, who hailed originally from a dairy farm in Minnesota, served on the KCFB Board of Directors from 2008-2018. He left the farm for college at 18 and followed a career path that included jobs in retail, merchandising, copywriting, sales management, product buyer and real estate, as well as a stint in the military. Carlson describes his own 160 acre farm in East Central (Chisago County) Minnesota as "a place which strengthens your soul ... kind of like Garrison Keilor's Lake Wobegon."

He joined the Farm Bureau Board because he found pleasure in working with the farm community and "its wonderful people" he said. "They are at the heart of providing for the pleasant ebb and flow, the pace, the joys and the interesting events and personalities of rural life."

Providing this scholarship, which will seek to help develop a next generation agricultural communicator, according to Carlson, only hints at his keen interest in promoting the full development of human potential in everyone he meets. Among his many and varied interests, are geography, reading, learning, travel, studying, and observing people.

Applications for the Ruth & Frank Carlson Scholarship, along with 20 other scholarships offered through the KCFB FOUNDATION, are available at www.kanecfb.com Click on "Scholarships & Internships". Applications are due February 15, 2019.

In 2018, the KCFB FOUN-

DATION awarded 24 scholarships to area students. Overall, the FOUNDATION has provided over \$500,000 in scholarships to help college bound agricultural enthusiasts pursue their dreams. Recipients will be named in April. Call (630) 584-8660 with questions.



Frank Carlson

Nominations sought for KCFB Director

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

County.

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

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

To suggest potential candidates for election, members should fill out the form on page 6.

Just in time for Christmas!

Tickets are now available for the KCFB FOUNDATION's 2019 Winner's Choice Raffle. They make great stocking stuffers!

The Grand Prize this year is a choice between a 1966 Ford 100 pick-up truck OR a 1956 Massey-Harris Model 333 farm tractor. Second and third prizes are \$500 each (food and fuel gift cards). As in past years, Winners Choice Raffle ticket stubs will provide FREE admission to Touch-A-Tractor, April 12-14, 2019 on the lawn at Kane County Farm Bureau.

Tickets are \$20, or 3/\$50 and ticket sales help provide Ag-in-the-Classroom programs and college scholarships for Kane County students.

Return the form on page 7, 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 18 and we'll mail your ticket stubs in time for Christmas gift giving! Visit www.kanecfb.com for more information.



Winning tickets will be drawn at the 4-H Blue Ribbon Sale at the 2019 Kane County Fair.

The Winner's Choice Raffle grand prize winner can win a 1966 Ford 100 or a 1956 Massey Harris 333.

Contributions as of November 15 totaled 1,467 gallon of milk committed to the Northern Illinois Food Bank and/or area food pantries – **before** pledges and matching contributions are added in! To join us on our way to our 10,000 gallon goal, visit www.kanegives.org/10000, or complete and return the form on page 8. Forms offering to "match" contributions from a group or club you belong to, or challenging other groups or organizations, are welcome, as are individual contributions. A "progress" sign replica of this graphic will be erected on Randall Road in front of the Kane County Farm Bureau so motorists and the community can track our progress.



Gallon Milk Jugs Wanted



Farm Bureau is asking members to clean and rinse milk jugs and bring them to our office in December & January. A slot for donations will be made in the jugs, a label (left) affixed and they will be made available to area businesses, (retailers, restaurants, coffee shops, etc.) that are willing to lend assistance to our neighbors in need by placing a 10,000 gallon Challenge "donation station" at cash registers during the campaign. To suggest a place of business for these donation jugs, or obtain one for yours, contact the Farm Bureau at 630 584-8660.



December Special - 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 lbs for traditional and 7-9 pounds for spiral. **Order yours today by sending in the form found on page 4 or calling the Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 by Friday December 14 at noon.**

Pick-up is at the Farm Bureau on Thursday, December 20.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- December 1-4**
IAA Annual Meeting, Chicago
- December 12**
Citrus Pick-Up, 10am-5pm,
Heinz Brothers, St. Charles
- December 13**
Board of Directors, 7:00pm
- December 14**
Holiday Ham Orders Due, 12pm
- December 19**
Statewide Food Hub
Conference Call, 10:30
(monthly, call 630-584-8660
for more info)
- December 20**
County Ag Committee, 10am
Holiday Ham Pick Up 12-4:30
- December 24**
Office Closed for Christmas
Eve Day
- December 25**
Office Closed for Christmas
Day
- December 28**
CDL Random Test Consortium
Application Due Date

Happy
Holidays!



Board Meeting review – November

The first guest on the November meeting agenda was Bob Effner, Elgin/St. Charles COUNTRY Financial Agency Manager who reported on company recruitment and product offerings and the devastation and claims activity caused by the recent hurricanes in the southeastern U.S. Mark Musial, Business Services Manager for Conserv FS reported on the action of the co-operative's Board to approve the payment of \$3 million in patronage refunds to Farm Bureau member patrons based on 2018 fiscal year purchases, paid as 70% cash and 30% Class E preferred stock. Musial reported that the Board also approved \$700,000 of stock revolvment.

In Unfinished Business, Directors reviewed invoices for building and grounds projects and reviewed the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting schedule. Weekend activities include a Discussion Meet where Carolyn Gehrke of Elgin will compete. Sunday's Auction fundraiser will include a quilt made by Bonnie White of Elburn and that evening's "Taste of Illinois" will feature food products from two local Farm Bureau members: Foxtrot Organic Farm of St. Charles and Garlic Breath Farm of Kaneville. Delegates begin discussion of Policy Resolutions on local, state and national issues Monday morning.

A progress report was given on the KCFB FOUNDATION's "31 Days of Christmas" fundraiser. Ticket sales end November 30. 10,000 Gallon

milk CHALLENGE results were shared and Directors were reminded of existing matches, or "Challenges". Sample PR materials were circulated and the new URL for direct donations, www.kanegives.org/10000 was revealed.

In New Business, details for the Victory Mixer for elected officials were shared and attendance confirmed. KCFB's 2019 holiday schedule was approved as presented. April 11, 2019 was set as the date for the organization's Annual Meeting and names were discussed for the Nominating Committee and alternates.

President Joe White's reported on the October 22 farm tour for Ingredient employees. He thanked director Craig Bradley for attending and answering questions about bee keeping and collecting honey.

A volunteer schedule was created for citrus distribution on December 12, and new/beginning farmer education and farm business topics for 2019 were discussed. Manager Steve Arnold also reported on the most recent donation of vintage and collectible farm toys to the KCFB FOUNDATION from Rodney Oxe, formerly of Batavia.

Bill Collins presented the Membership/PR report including contributions for the FOUNDATION from Thomas Richter, Wayne; Jim & Deloris O'Connell, Elburn; Mendel Plumbing & Heating, St. Charles; Buck Bros, Inc., Hampshire (for John Buck Memorial Scholarships); and

Glen & Louise Johnson, St. Charles (Harvest for ALL, Northern Illinois Food Bank). Donors for the 10,000 Gallon milk Challenge included Mike & Carol Kenyon, South Elgin; Beth & Bob Gehrke, Elgin; Dick & Carol Gerhardt, Hampshire; Kathy & Tsuneo Konishi, Carpentersville; AGCO employees and AGCO Global Women's Network, Batavia.

A written report on Ag-in-the-Classroom activities was circulated from Ag Literacy Coordinator, Suzi Myers. The Illinois Farm Bureau has combined the functions of Ag-in-the-Classroom and the Illinois Farm Families program into a new entity, the Illinois Center for Agricultural Engagement.

The Government Affairs report included a recent Congressional "Action Request" on the Farm Bill and a response to the request from Senator Tammy Duckworth.

Miscellaneous reports were given on Farm Safety Treat distribution; an October 17 Farm Safety Day in Big Rock; the October 29th AGCO Health/Wellness Fair; and ACTIVATOR "Friend of Agriculture" award presentations to Congressman Roskam, Senators Castro, Holmes, and Oberweis; Representatives Kifowit, Chapa-LaVia, Moeller, and Wheeler. Arnold also shared results of the October Harvest Décor fundraiser for the KCFB FOUNDATION.

Local Government Reports included County Board, Forest Preserve District and Kane County Agriculture Committee

activities and a Stormwater Ordinance update. The Kane County Stormwater Technical Advisory Committee has received a 45 Day Review of a Draft of Kane County Stormwater Ordinance revisions. It was provided for the Board. There were no reports from the Farmland Protection Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, or Regional Planning Committee.

Correspondence was circulated from: Sheila Jackson, Food for Great Elgin – introduction letter from new Executive Director; IAA Foundation – thanks for donation of Starry Nights quilt made by Bonnie White; Kaneland FFA – thanks

for KCFB FOUNDATION Chapter Grant (used for National FFA Convention); Hinckley-Big Rock FFA – thanks for participation in the farm safety day at Big Rock Middle School. Other correspondence included the receipt of checks from: AGCO for the 10,000 Gallon milk Challenge; Buck Bros, Inc. – for the John Buck Memorial Scholarship fund; IAA Foundation – for the KCFB Ag Literacy program; and Ruth & Frank Carlson – for a newly sponsored Ruth & Frank Carlson Scholarship.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, December 13th at 7 pm.

Conserv FS declares patronage

For the tenth consecutive year, the Conserv FS Board of Directors has declared near record levels of patronage refunds. Consistent with last year's payout, patronage of \$3 million will be paid out for 2018 fiscal year purchases. And again this year's patronage payout will be paid as 70% cash and 30% Class E preferred stock.

The company's performance in fiscal 2018 was strong, along with its balance sheet, which allows the company to pay such a high cash percentage.

"The diversification of our coop has allowed us to manage through tough years in one area while generating strong profits in others" says John Tuttle, Conserv FS General Manager.

Individual rates of payout are determined by product line and will be similar to last year's rates.

Individual checks will be processed and cut over the next

few weeks and will be distributed in mid- December. A full breakdown of payments rates will be included with the check and member's individual payment record. Rates may vary for direct transport load deliveries.

In addition to patronage, the board approved \$700,000 of stock revolvment, keeping the cooperative on a ten year cycle, a primary goal of the board. "Keeping the stock of the coop in the hands of active patrons is something we pride ourselves on as a board" said John Henning, board president. With the cash patronage and stock revolvment, the company will return nearly \$2.8 million in cash to the country.

Conserv FS, Inc. is a Federated Cooperative locally owned and controlled, based in Woodstock, Illinois. Conserv proudly serves patrons throughout Northeastern Illinois and Southeastern Wisconsin.

10,000 Gallon Challenge goes digital

The KCFB FOUNDATION has launched www.kanegives.org/10000 to facilitate online donations to the 10,000 Gallon Milk Challenge. We invite all members to go online and make a donation to help neighbors in need this holiday season, while building demand for milk and dairy products and showing support for local farms and farmers.

Each \$2.34 donation will buy one gallon of nutritious milk. 100% of your donation will go to the local food pantry of your choosing. You will also receive an email receipt indicating the reason for your donation, a contemporaneous receipt

for your donation from the KCFB FOUNDATION that can be used for your tax records, and a 10,000 Gallon Challenge DONOR window cling to show your support.

The www.kanegives.org/10000 link will take you directly to the 10,000 Gallon Milk Challenge page. From there, click on "donate" which will take you to PayPal (you do not need a PayPal account to use the site or make a donation). On the donate page, you can specify your donation amount, and write in the local food pantry of your choosing. Donations without a designated food pantry will be sent to the Northern Illinois Food Bank, for use in their award winning Milk2MyPlate program.

In addition to www.kanegives.com/10000, a donate button will also be added to

www.kanecfb.com and a Facebook campaign will follow. Visit www.facebook.com/KaneCountyFarmBureau or search for Kane County Farm Bureau on Facebook, like our page, and follow along!

A special thanks goes out to Ellen Kamps of Foxtrot Organic Farm for lending assistance with this project and helping this information technology challenged organization expand its reach beyond newsprint!



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*.



Donate now to the 10,000 gallon Milk Challenge and get this Milk Jug shaped DONOR window cling from the KCFB FOUNDATION to show your support for your neighbors in need, and local farms and farmers. To donate online, check out the information here.

KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE JANUARY 2018 THRU DECEMBER 2018												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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C. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	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	
B. GEHRKE	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
W. KECK		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
M. KENYON	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
K. KETTLEKAMP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
D. LEHRER	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	
A. LENKAITIS*				X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
N. LONG	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
D. PITSTICK	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	
W. SCHNEIDER	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	
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20+ scholarships to help local students study agriculture

Applications available for KCFB FOUNDATION scholarships

The Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION is pleased to announce that over 20 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 2019-20 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 and click on "Scholarships & Internships" to 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 2018 winter, and 2019 spring and summer breaks. A separate Internship application is available on the website. The KCFB FOUNDATION provided 16 scholarships last year and since 1989 has awarded over \$500,000 in tuition assistance to local college students.

General Agricultural Scholarships (up to 10)

To be eligible for a Kane County Farm Bureau general scholarship, the member or dependent must have been a member in good standing for two years. The student must also

be planning an agriculture related career. A brochure is available to assist students in identifying those careers and areas of study.



The KCFB Foundation awarded 24 scholarships last year to area students, including Andrew Gould of Elburn who was awarded the President's Scholarship for study at the University of Illinois. Applications for the 2019-20 school year are now available and are due Feb. 15.

FOUNDATION President's Scholarship (1)

The President's Scholarship is reserved for the high school senior among Foundation scholarship applicants possessing the most outstanding combination of scholastics, activities, goals and ACT score. The President's Award Scholarship will provide a minimum \$1,500 to be applied towards tuition.

John Buck Memorial Scholarships (2)

An endowment to the Foundation, supplemented by an annual John Buck Memorial

Open golf outing, provides funds for two (2) \$1,500 scholarships for higher education for agriculture students. Any student in Kane, DeKalb, McHenry, Boone, Lake, DuPage or Will County is eligible to apply. A similar scholarship program has been established by the family through the Midwest Golf Course Superintendent's Association. 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. Late in 2001, the family of John Buck established the John Buck Memorial Scholarship for agriculture students through the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation.

Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship (1)

The Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship was 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)

Provides two (2) \$1000 college scholarships annually to a woman pursuing a degree in agricultural related career field that resides in the state of Illinois. AGCOGWN scholarships are supported by members of the local chapter at AGCO Parts in Batavia,

AGCO Parts Division Scholarships (2)

Provides two (2) \$1000 college scholarship annually to a student pursuing a degree in agricultural related career field that resides in the state of Illinois. Local AGCO Parts division employees in Batavia raise funds to support this scholarship effort.

AGCO Platinum Scholarship (1)

A \$2,500 college scholarship for a currently enrolled college sophomore, junior or senior applicant pursuing a degree in agricultural related career field

that resides in the state of Illinois. Funds provided by special activities and projects carried out by our friends at AGCO Parts in Batavia.

General Scholarship (1)

To be eligible for the \$1,000 Kane County Farm Bureau general scholarship, the member or dependent must have been a member in good standing for two years, pursuing higher education for a career in ANY field.

NEW Ruth & Frank Carlson Scholarship (1)

Will provide a \$1,500 college scholarship annually to a student studying at Waubesa Community College, Elgin Community College or ANY college or University in the state of Minnesota. The scholarship will seek to promote a next generation agricultural communicator.

For more information on FOUNDATION scholarship programs, call Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660. Application deadline is February 15, 2019.

INGREDION employees tour local farm

When innovative agricultural companies and organizations visit local farms, not only is knowledge shared and gained, but bridges are built and bonds are made between businesses that are independent – but dependent of each other. That is the purpose behind farm tours arranged by Illinois Farm Bureau's Director of External Relations, Ryan Tracy. In the past year, Tracy has called on three Kane County farmers to host employees from McDonald's, U.S. EPA Region 5,

farm history with the group. Originally vegetable farmers who settled in Geneva and Batavia, emigrating directly from Luxembourg, the Whites now farm about 500 acres of soybeans and 600 acres of corn in the Elburn area. They also grow soft, red winter wheat, which is supplied to the makers of Girl Scout cookies. Joe is the fourth generation of his family to farm in Kane County.

He started farming in 1975 and remarked on the many

progression of monitors for seed, fertilizers and crop protectants, a visible indicator to the Ingredion group of changes in technology.

Besides technology, seed breeding and technology to increase resistance to drought, insects, diseases and herbicides resistance into seeds has contributed to the dramatic increase in yield. The cost of seeds has mirrored the desired characteristics, increasing substantially. A bag of corn, which holds approximately 80,000 kernels, used to be \$30/bag. Prices now range from \$200/bag to \$400/bag. Joe recalls when bags of seed corn first broke \$100/bag – back in 1991. "You don't just spill corn now! Think of throwing a handful of nickels out, that's what it feels like when you spill any of the seed kernels," he exclaimed. With 32,000 – 36,000 kernels needed to plant each acre, it comes down to each kernel being counted and accounted for.

Many questions were raised by the employee group. Topics ranged from GMO's and organics, what diseases impact corn and the effects, and crop rotation. Each question was thoughtfully answered by White and the group was genuinely interested in each and every topic covered during the discussion. Following the discussion and a catered lunch, Ingredion employees we given the opportunity to ride in the combine (neighbor Jim O'Connell was kind enough to leave about 30 rows of corn standing for the group to experience harvest), tractors performing tillage operations, or the tractor pulling the grain cart. The White also opened the machine shed for the group to see planters, a grain drill and even a 1960's era one row corn picker.

Area agricultural employers or food based companies who would like to make such a visit to a local farm are encouraged to contact Steve Arnold at the Kane County Farm Bureau, steve@kanecfb.com or Ryan Tracy at Illinois Farm Bureau, rtracy@ilfb.org.



Left: The three responsible for setting up the meeting and tour. Illinois Farm Bureau's Ryan Tracy (L), farmer and KCFB President Joe White (M), and Ingredion's Robin Brown (R).

Right: Logistics Manager at Ingredion, Kevin Guo, was one of the winners of the "Price the Part" contest at the October 22 farm tour, an activity designed by Joe and Bonnie White to help tour guests better understand the technology used on today's farms, and the cost of parts and repairs. Guo chose a 16" Massey-Ferguson Pillow Pet® and was all smiles as returned to his seat.

and most recently, Ingredion.

Ingredion is a global ingredient company focused on sweeteners, starches, nutrition ingredients and biomaterials used in foods, beverages, paper and pharmaceuticals. On Oct. 22, Kane County Farm Bureau President Joe White, his wife, Bonnie, and their family hosted 20 representatives from Ingredion.

Headquartered in Westchester, IL, but with locations on nearly every continent, Ingredion turns grains, fruits, vegetables, and other plant materials into value-added ingredients and biomaterial solutions for many different industries.

Ingredion employees, IFB staff members Ryan Tracy and Lauren Lurkins, KCFB staff, and the White family gathered in the farm shop on the crisp, sunny October morning. There Joe White shared his family and

Thanks to our Donors...

The KCFB FOUNDATION offers its sincere appreciation to the following for their contributions to our community service, education, and scholarship programs. Names shown are pledges received from October 18 -November 15, 2018..



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advantage of the \$10 discount off of each tree. We invite non-members to stop inside our building to join and continue receiving discounts throughout the year and at many surrounding businesses using our IFB Benefits app.

While you are here, shop for holiday gift ideas including Farmall puzzles, branded apparel, pedal tractors, and local shelf stable food items like honey, Bean Dust, Rollicking

Buckaroo Pepper Jam, and Slap You Silly hot sauce. Not to be missed, whether you bleed green, yellow, or red, we have your favorite ERTL/TOMY farm toys – combines, tractors, excavators, sit-n-scoots, etc.

Merry Christmas from Marks' Tree Farm!

KCFB members receive a \$10 discount



AG LITERACY CORNER

By Suzi Myers



A dairy farmer's rendition of 'Twas the Night before Christmas" by Ann Ingalls...Enjoy...

'Twas the Night before Christmas, Down on the Farm

'Twas the night before Christmas down on the farm, not a critter was budging, no cause for alarm.

Cattle were resting, snug in their stalls, while hay forks and rakes were propped near the walls.

Little mice skittered 'cross cobweb-draped beams, spoiling old tomcat's mouse-chasing dreams.

I stretched out on straw bales, my eyes shut tight, for Bessie would calve this Christmas Eve night.

When out in the field I heard someone sputter, I sprang from the bales amidst all the clutter.

Curious now, to the window I sprinted. The glow on the snow was so bright that I squinted.

The moon shone on mounds of fluffy white stuff. It glistened but I could see well enough.

When what to my dog-tired eyes could be seen, but a small wooden sleigh and eight sturdy Holstein,

With a little old farmer so bubbly and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick!

Headlong, these eight airborne heifers they came Nick clicked and he chortled and called them by name:

"Now, Bossie! Now, Sassy! Now, Francie and Ellie! On, Bluebell! On Aribelle! On, Connie and Nellie!

To the top of the silo, to the top of the mow, Come, boss! Come, boss! Come, boss! Come cow!"

Up to the hay mow those bossies they flew, with a load of fresh hay, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a jiffy, I heard on the roof the stomping and plodding of each heavy hoof.

As I hid behind bales, I jerked with a jump. Through the hay mow St. Nicholas came with a thump!

He was decked out in denim from his head to his boots, and his plaid shirt was flannel, a stylish old coot.

Feed sacks of grain he had slung on his back, and he looked like a hawker just opening his pack.

His eyes ... how they sparkled! His chins how they jiggled! His cheeks were like apples; his nose, how it wiggled!

His comical mouth curved up in a smile as he tromped up and down each wide dusty aisle.

He whistled a tune and hummed its refrain and filled every manger with silage and grain.

Then, just when I thought he would pack up and go, I heard a loud MOO and it started to grow,

For Bessie was calving, ready to pop. She bawled and she wailed in her pen without stop.

She quivered; she shook; she rattled; she moaned. And down, up and down, she moaned and she groaned.

The next thing I knew, on the straw lay a calf, a beautiful, new, black and white spotted calf!

Nick knelt in the straw and saw all was well. So, he lifted the calf for its mother to smell.

Then, laying his finger aside of his nose, giving a nod, through the hay mow he rose.

And I heard him shout out as he flew through the sky, "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good-bye!"

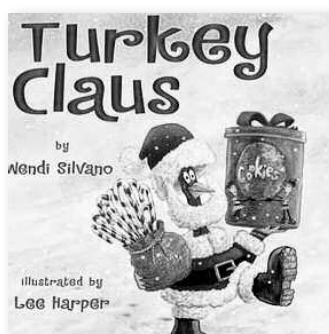
Book of the month

Turkey needs Santa's help so he won't be eaten for Christmas dinner.

"Turkey is in trouble. Again. He made it through Thanksgiving without becoming a turkey dinner, but now it's almost Christmas, and guess what's on the menu? Turkey decides the only thing to do is to ask Santa for help. He sets off for the North Pole, but getting in to see Santa at Christmastime

isn't as easy as Turkey expected. It's going to take all his ideas – and his clever disguises – to find a way into Santa's house. After many hilarious attempts, Turkey comes up with the perfect disguise, and Santa has the perfect solution."

A fun book to read with the child in your life during the holiday season. We have the book in our library, thanks to the donations from the Konen family.



Turkey Claus by Wendi Silvano

Even the biggest goals start with simple steps



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Holiday Ham order form

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Plus Mbr. (\$3.39/lb) _____ Member (\$3.74/lb.) _____ Non-mbr. (\$4.30/lb) _____

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS NOON, Friday, December 14.

Payment is due at pickup at Kane County Farm Bureau (Randall Rd. & Oak St., St. Charles) on Thursday afternoon, December 20th from 12-4:30.





Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Suzi Myers



Easy, pleasing eggnog recipes

Kid-Friendly Microwave Eggnog

By Lucy Mathieson
Our kid-friendly eggnog takes only minutes to make and tastes great! Serves 2, prep: 0:05, cook 0:05.

Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp. caster sugar (can use honey, maple syrup or regular sugar)
- 3 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon (to sprinkle)
- 1 tsp ground nutmeg (to sprinkle)

Method:

- Place eggs, caster sugar and vanilla into a medium bowl
- Whisk together well
- Add milk and cream and whisk together until completely combined.
- Pour the eggnog into two microwave-safe mugs
- Heat in 30 second bursts for 4-6 minutes. At the end of each 30 seconds, whisk the eggnog with a fork. It is ready when hot, but don't allow to boil.
- Serve warm or chilled with

a sprinkle of cinnamon or nutmeg.

overnight cranberry-Eggnog coffee cake

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 25 min. + chilling Bake: 35 min. + cooling YIELD: 15 servings.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup eggnog
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries

STREUSEL:

- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

GLAZE:

- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 tablespoon eggnog

Directions:

- In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well

after each addition. In a small bowl, whisk eggnog, sour cream and vanilla. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, orange zest, baking soda and salt; add to the creamed mixture alternately with eggnog mixture, beating well after each addition. Stir in cranberries.

2. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking pan. For streusel, in a small bowl, mix sugar, flour, butter and cinnamon until blended. Stir in pecans; sprinkle over batter. Refrigerate, covered, at least 8 hours or overnight.

3. Preheat oven to 350°. Remove pan from refrigerator while oven heats. Bake 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack 20 minutes.

4. For glaze, in a small bowl, mix confectioners' sugar and eggnog until smooth; drizzle over cake. Serve warm.

Overnight Cranberry Eggnog Coffee Cake



Kid-friendly Microwave Eggnog pictured at top left.

Did you know?

Eggnog is technically stirred custard – a mixture of dairy and eggs. Traditionally, posset was used as a cold and flu remedy. (moms used to make it for kids when they had the flu)

It's been around since the 16th century. Eggnog's origins can be traced back to sack posset, an Elizabethan-era drink made with spices, milk, eggs and fortified wine like Madeira. It was served thick, hot and somewhat chunky (the milk was curdled by the hot spiced wine).

It's named after a mug. The word nog comes from noggin, which is a small wooden mug typically used to drink ale.

It caused a riot. Christmas 1826 at the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY, was not a peaceful one. It started with a party, fueled by eggnog spiked with whiskey that cadets smuggled into the academy. It ended with broken windows, gunshots, one knocked-out lieutenant and lots of damaged property. Twenty cadets were court-martialed, and the event was thereafter known as the Eggnog Riot. Bonus fact: Jefferson Davis, the future president of the Confederate States, was among the rioters.

George Washington served it. According to kitchen records from Mount Vernon, President George Washington used to serve an ultra-boozy eggnog to guests. His version included whiskey, rye, rum and sherry

It cures sore throats. At least, an old Russian/Yiddish version of the drink purportedly does. Kogel mogel is made with egg yolks, sugar and rum. It's served hot and traditionally used as a home remedy for sore throats

The Eggnog Latte has been around since 1986. Starbucks's Eggnog Latte didn't actually start at Starbucks. It was first made in 1986 at Il Giornale, a small Seattle coffee chain owned by Howard Schultz. He bought Starbucks in 1987, rebranded his stores and kept the Eggnog Latte tradition.

Tom and Jerry drink made with egg nog was a favorite of President Warren G. Harding, who served it at an annual Christmas party for his closest friends

Make a holiday memory ornament

Based on idea from Shauna Krantz

Start a new tradition this year, have your children make a time capsule holiday ornament.

Create a fun DIY time capsule ornament each year with your kids. Have them record their favorite book or movie, how old they are, what school they attend, where they live, best

friend, family vacations, their favorite color and even some historical information, such as who the President of the United States is or how much a candy bar costs. Include a school photo and any small toys and/or craft supplies to spruce it up.

Glue it shut, add a bow, and it's all finished.

A personalized keepsake for the years to come.



Eggnog

P	M	A	X	R	K	G	M	S	N	N	A	W	Y	V	C	R	T	S	G	CHRISTMAS
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S	P	N	I	F	J	Y	T	H	F	L	D	F	W	E	Y	N	M	Y	R	CREAM
H	I	R	C	R	T	G	Y	J	P	I	M	F	I	D	Y	U	M	S	M	CUSTARD
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M	R	I	G	N	I	D	R	A	H	D	J	N	A	J	S	R	U	T	T	LATTE
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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St Charles, IL 60174 by December 17, 2018 to be entered in our drawing for a eggnog themed prize. Prize must be picked up at the KCFB office.

Ways to use left-over eggnog:

- Make eggnog lattes at home by pouring some into your coffee
- Use instead of heavy cream when you make biscuits
- Stir it into pancake and waffle batter
- Use instead of milk when making French toast
- Stir it into mashed sweet potatoes.
- Swap it for the milk in muffins or quick breads
- Whip it into a sweet frosting (somewhat like cream cheese frosting)
- Use for cream in caramel sauce
- Make ice cream by swapping all or part of cream with eggnog

Congratulations

Tammy Anderson! Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search Puzzle. For her participation, she receives a bag of squash themed products! Thank you, Tammy, 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:**
- AIDS Awareness Month
 - Pear Month
 - Bingo's Birthday Month
 - Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month
 - Human Rights Month
 - Root Vegetables and Exotic Fruits Month
 - Safe Toys and Gifts Month
 - Universal Human Rights Month
 - Worldwide Food Service Safety Month

Special Days in December:

- 2 Hanukkah
- 6 St. Nicholas Day
- 7 National Illinois Day and National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12 Gingerbread House Day and Poinsettia Day
- 21 Winter Solstice and National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanza begins, National Candy Cane Day, National Thank-you Note Day, and National Whiner's Day
- 27 National Fruitcake Day
- 31 National Champagne Day and New Year's Eve

MONTANA CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

By Marty Keltner



The older I get, the more I reminisce about my childhood. The older I get, the more I also wish I had realized how wonderful it truly was to be a kid! Responsibility, paying bills, and dealing with all of "life's surprises" as an adult is enough to make you want to go Benjamin Button some days! Good thing Christmas time is also the time when holiday spirits are in full swing, and when I say spirits, I mean Eggnog, Tom & Jerrys, and Gluehwein. Now those are the "little things" that get you through the holidays.

So back to my childhood memories around Christmas time. Growing up I loved the holidays because it meant 1 of 2 things. I either got to see my Keltner cousins on the ranch in Terry or I got to see my Kirscher cousins in Western Montana where they all lived. With 10 of us on each side, we were a good sized group without being too big. Plenty of us to play with, get in trouble with, or try to "out-eat" each other with. On my Keltner side, I'm the youngest, on my Kirscher side, one of the oldest. That meant very different holiday celebrations, but each one shared a common denominator - a seat at the "kids table."

Sitting at the kids table was something I definitely looked forward to after I soon realized it meant the adults couldn't see us or were too busy to pay attention to us. When with my Keltner cousins, it meant laughing until my stomach hurt

because Larry, Burt, and Bryce were hilarious and always cracking jokes or doing something silly. It also meant fighting over a JELL-O & whipped cream salad dubbed "pink nummy". This was a hot item on the long list of delicious sides, unlike the mayonnaise coated lettuce salad my Grandmother had made. I still can't eat mayonnaise to this day because of that salad! During these holiday dinners, I admired my older cousins who seemed cooler, more daring, and wiser than I.

Traveling to Townsend, on the Western side of the state where my Kirscher cousins lived, was unpredictable and we often didn't know if we were going until "game time." Blizzards, icy roads, and mountain passes being closed were always a concern for the 350 mile trek. More years than not, we did make it and I remember the anticipation of going to bed Christmas Eve, waiting for Santa to come and hopefully find me. A lot of faith was entrusted in him telepathically knowing where I'd be as well as what I wanted, but maybe I just don't remember writing letters to tell him where I'd be. Either way, I was never disappointed, Santa was and still is good to me. (and yes, I STILL believe!)

On that note, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas or a Happy Holiday and more memories are made with beloved family and friends around the dinner table or in front of the tree.

CALLING ALL FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS

Do you have an interest in agriculture? Would you like to take charge of your future by setting policy and building relationships that will last through the next generation of agricultural landowners and leaders? Do you have a desire to gather ideas and do something about the challenges and opportunities of farming in Kane County? Then perhaps you should consider running for a seat on the Kane County Farm Bureau's Board of Directors.

The KCFB Board consists of 15 directors, three seats in each of five East-West multi-township districts. District 1 consists of Aurora, Big Rock and Sugar Grove Townships; District 2 is Kaneville, Blackberry, Geneva and Batavia Townships; District 3 is Virgil, Campton and St. Charles Townships; District 4 is Burlington, Plato and Elgin Townships; and District 5 is Hampshire, Rutland, and Dundee Townships. Directors serve three year terms so one-third of the directors seats (5) are up for election each year.

Our members belong to the Farm Bureau for many reasons. Some join to take action on behalf of agriculture. Others join to support Farm Bureau policies or assist with program efforts. Farm Bureau works on the local level, in Springfield and in Washington D.C. to support action not just on farm issues, but on many of the same things you're concerned about: protection of private property rights and the quality of the rural environment, tax policies and economic growth, and the quality and safety of our food supply.

Regular members are eligible to run for the Board of Directors and help look out for the best interests of all of our members.

The KCFB Board meets the second Thursday evening of each month. For more information, about service on the Board of Directors, please contact President Joe White at 630 557-2517, Manager Steve Arnold at

630 584-8660 or any member of the Board of Directors. To nominate yourself or a neighbor for consideration, please fill out and return the form below to the Nominating Committee by January 15.

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

**TO: Nominating Committee,
Kane County Farm Bureau
2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174**

Name (please print) _____

Mailing Address _____

Township _____ District # _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Signature _____

Membership # (if known) _____

Form completed & returned by: Name _____

Mail to this form to: Kane County Farm Bureau,
2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174
Return on or before February 15, 2019

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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.

Our newest, hottest item is the mini-honey bear from White Farms in Elburn. Priced at \$2.50

for a 2oz jar or 2 jars for \$4, these little bears of sweetness will be a hit come Christmas morning. Honey is the natural sweetener that everyone loves and 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 Slap

You Silly hot sauce (\$6.50 any size/ flavor), Rollicking Buckaroo Pepper Jam (\$7), Happy Bee Soaps (\$6), Teeple Barn collectible coffee mugs (\$5), Pilot Knob blue or red "hull-less" popcorn (\$2), and the ever popular Pork BBQ Spice (\$9.50).

If you're looking for stocking stuffers for the younger crowd, we also have plenty of mini-

tractors, trucks, ATV's, and various farm animals from TOMY.

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 at 2N710 Randall Rd, cross street is Oak in St. Charles.



Left: Sweet and savory treats including hot sauce, popcorn, pepper jam, soaps and Teeple Barn mug

Right: Sweet little honey bears.

Treats for the sweet people in your life!

What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager

Andy Johnson, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for October 2018. Andy began his career with COUNTRY Financial in January of 2012 and services clients out of his office located at: 1921 Wilson Street, Batavia, 60510 - (630) 907-0870. Andy's professionalism and vast knowl-

edge of auto, home, life, commercial and financial products make him a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Andy!

St. Charles Agency, Bob Effner, Agency Manager

TODD WILCOX has been named the Agent of the Month for OCTOBER 2018 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. Todd has provided tan-

gible plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of his clients through COUNTRY Financial's diverse products and services: Auto, Farm, Home, Life, Business, Retirement. Let Todd's expertise help you! You may reach Todd at 630-762-1326, todd.wilcox@countryfinancial.com, or https://representatives.countryfinancial.com/todd.wilcox/. Congratulations, Todd!



The KCFB Legislative Committee's "Victory Mixer" cocktail reception was hosted by Pitstick Farms in their farm shop near Virgil on November 20. The post-election gathering of the Legislative Committee and FB ACT (Farm Bureau Agricultural Contact Team) volunteers offered the opportunity to meet and mingle with public officials, some newly elected in the November General Election.

Whiskey Acres Distilling Co. of DeKalb was on hand to mix signature cocktails from the areas first estate distillery and



talk to farmers and public officials about this unique vertically integrated, 5th generation farm. The event featured hors d'oeuvres, local craft beers, local wines, and spirits from Whiskey Acres (pictured at right).

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. Lake Street, Aurora. Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations on your success.



Felipe Rocha

Several Kane County farms and businesses offer Christmas Trees and some offer wreathes and roping/garland. These locations include:

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Heinz Brothers Greenhouse - St. Charles 630-377-6288

Klein's Farm & Garden Market - Udina 847-697-4910

Kuipers Family Farm - Maple Park 815-827-5200

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Spring Bluff Nursery - Sugar Grove 630-466-4278

Randy's Vegetables - Sleepy Hollow (Dundee)

*Heiden's Christmas Trees • 906-280-1897

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2019 CDL Random Drug/Alcohol Testing Pool set to begin

Kane County Farm Bureau is renewing the Random Drug/Alcohol Testing Pool for individuals or businesses with Commercial Driver's Licenses to comply with Federal Highway Department of Transportation regulations.

Department of Transportation regulations for drug and alcohol testing. Owner/operators and small companies with drivers must join an existing consortium for the random testing. Farmer and certain family members have been exempted in certain instances.

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Department of Transportation regulations for drug and alcohol testing. Owner/operators and small companies with drivers must join an existing consortium for the random testing. Farmer and certain family members have been exempted in certain instances.

\$125.00 or \$145.00 for on-farm testing consortium fee for fixed or location testing to be included in the pool. We also require each person in the pool be a member of the Farm Bureau. (Farmer memberships are \$37.00/year and Associate Memberships are \$20.00/year). The program will run from Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2019.

not pulled, you will not receive a refund on pool money. A special feature of the Kane County Farm Bureau pool is a mobile unit that provides on-site testing. This mobile unit, with certified testing equipment and specialists, will add convenience and time saving elements to the overall program.

the non-random expenses. To participate in the 2019 consortium, complete the enrollment application and mail a check for \$125.00 or \$145.00 payable to the Kane County Farm Bureau by Dec. 28, 2018. Please renew your Farm Bureau membership if you have not done so. We must have your renewal payment as soon as possible to continue the random selection process.

FB ACT—act today, win tomorrow

Be an advocate for Farms and Food, text FARM to 52886.

FB ACT is a tool for Farm Bureau members to drive policy agendas, focused on agriculture, and respond to the continuous threats posed by other interest groups and elected officials who don't share our same interests. As a member of Kane County Farm Bureau, you have the voice and strength to stand up for farms, food, and our future.

- Text FARM to 52886
- Visit the IFB App

- Enter www.ilfb.org/fbact into your browser
- Contact us at 630-584-8660

Ways to Receive IFB Action Requests:

- Open a text from FB ACT that alerts you to contact your targeted officials
- Receive a direct email from FB ACT the minute IFB needs you to act
- Pick up a call from the IFB President laying out what action IFB needs from you



KCFB President Joe White (l) and attorney Rick Duda (r) share something in common. White is a 4th generation farmer in Kane County and Duda is the 4th generation of his family to work at Ingredient (formerly Corn Products International) in south-suburban Chicago. Ingredient is a global ingredient company and Duda is an attorney for the company. The two met at a farm tour of White's farm in October. See story, page 3.

The consortium fee covers the setup fee and random drug and/or alcohol tests during the year no matter how often your name is drawn. We will also provide one free supervisor training manual. If your name is

Foley Carrier Services, the management company that we have contracted to provide consortium services, provides other services in relation to the regulations. However, the consortium fee does not cover any of

2019 Kane County Farm Bureau Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Consortium Enrollment Application

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Farm Bureau Number _____

Phone (____) _____ Mobile (____) _____

Business Name _____

For Setup Location _____

Prescription Medicine Name/Names _____

Social Security No. _____ CDL License No. _____

Pool participation price: \$125 per driver for fixed location testing, \$145 per driver for on-site testing. All pool participants must be an "MM" or "A" member of the Kane County Farm Bureau. The program runs Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2019.

Make checks payable to: Kane County Farm Bureau and return by December 28, 2018.

Drop off check and application or mail to:

Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

I understand that the fee includes my name in the Kane County Farm Bureau pool to cover the random drug and alcohol testing requirement including the setup fee and the random alcohol confirmation test as mandated by the U. S. Department of Transportation. I further understand that non-random tests such as reasonable suspicion return to work follow-ups, missed appointments, after-hours charges, and post-accidents tests are not covered by the pool money and those charges will be my responsibility.

Date _____ Signature _____

Farm toy of the month

Our Country Store is bursting with John Deere, Case IH, New Holland, Farmall, Allis Chalmers, and Challenger farm toys to fulfill your holiday shopping needs.

Toys that light up and make sound are always the most popular ones, aren't they? This month we are featuring the ERTL Big Farm John Deere 7330 tractor with bale mover and round bale set. This toy provides plenty of action with flashing lights and start-up/back-up sounds. Real life farming requires "real-life" toys like this, moving hay is a serious business!

Regular price is \$40.99, but visit our lobby Farm Bureau Country Store during the month of December, and you can save an extra 10% when you make a 10,000 Gallon Milk Challenge donation in the same month. Supplies are limited, so we'll see you soon!



10,000 gallon CHALLENGE

Help build demand for dairy products, show support for dairy farms and farmers AND help your neighbors in need. 100% of donations received will be directed to the Northern Illinois Food Bank's "Milk2MyPlate" program, or to the local food pantry of your choice, to provide healthy, nutritious milk. Each \$2.34 buys 1 gallon of milk.

Yes, I/we want to help the clients of _____ Food Pantry or _____ Northern Illinois Food Bank gain greater access to Milk and dairy products.

For Individuals

OR

For Groups



Enclosed is a donation of:

- \$23.40: 10 gallons _____
- \$11.70: 5 gallons _____
- Other amount _____

A Challenge "match" for:

- _____ gallons of milk (@ \$2.34 each)
- contributions from employees of _____ business name
- contributions from members of _____ club/group/school/church name

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business owner/group leader signature _____

Phone _____ Payment Method Check Credit Card (Visa, MC, Discover)

Print name _____

CC# _____ / Exp. _____ / 3-Digit Code _____

Check here if this is a donation to be matched by an employer or group

Employer/Group name: _____

Make checks payable to Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation or the Food Pantry of your choice and mail to 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174. 100% of all contributions will be forwarded to Food Bank/Food Pantry with NO administrative fees. Donors will receive receipt of donation and a "10,000 gallon Challenge" window cling.

Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION Educational & Community Service Programs

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Email _____

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

Please charge my donation to my:

VISA MC Discover

Name (as it appears on card) _____

Card Number _____

Exp: ____ / ____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

Please make this a recurring monthly gift (Your credit card will be billed this amount each Month)

Please accept my donation in the amount of: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$ _____ Surprise Us!

RETURN to: Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION By phone at 630-584-8660

2N710 Randall Rd. St. Charles, IL 60174

Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION is an IRS registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit. To assist in our work, establish a memorial scholarship, honor a loved one, or explore a new agricultural or community service program effort, contact Steve Arnold, Executive Director at 630-584-8660 or steve@kanecfb.com

I want to help support:

- Foundation Scholarships _____ AgDays _____
- Ag Literacy Library _____ FFA Chapter Grants _____
- SPROUTS _____ Touch-A-Tractor _____

10,000 Gallon (MILK) Challenge _____ (Specify local food pantry)

