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★★★ Visit KCFB at the 2021 Kane County Fair ★★★

The Kane County Fair will take place July 14-18, 2021 at the Fairgrounds on Randall Road in St. Charles.

Kane County Farm Bureau will be running several promotions at this year's County Fair designed to attract members and non-members to stop by for a visit.

KCFB seeks donations for Ag in the Classroom Bucket Raffle Fundraiser

Did you know that the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation has provided over \$500,000 in tuition assistance to local students to pursue college degrees? By donating an item to our Bucket Raffle and Silent Auction fundraiser, you will be supporting our efforts to increase classroom agricultural education and to provide college scholarships for local students.

The Kane County Fair is one of the most widely attended events in the area with numbers reaching over 100,000 people each year. We hope you will consider promoting your business in our fundraising effort.

Please feel free to contact us at (630) 584-8660 with any questions or concerns. A week before the fair we will stop by to collect prize donations if you wish to contribute.

JULY FEATURED FOOD Bratwurst

The special for July is Bratwurst. The box contains 20 delicious award winning Inboden's bratwurst... a must have for your summer grilling! The member price is \$29.00 and PLUS members always receive a 5% discount! Available at the Kane County Farm Bureau – Randall Rd and Oak Street in St. Charles – during the month of July or while supply lasts.

KCFB CALENDAR JULY 2021

5 Office Closed/Independence Day

9 Board of Directors, 7:00pm

14-18 Kane County Fair at Kane County Fairgrounds

2nd day FREE promotion

Farm Bureau members who stop by our building on the fairgrounds on Thursday, Friday or Saturday between the hours of 3 pm and 8 pm can pick up tickets for FREE Kane County Fair gate admission on any remaining day at the Fair. The offer is limited to two tickets per membership for the duration of the Fair, and while supplies last. It's our way of saying "thanks" for stopping by and encouraging you to come back to the Fair. The offer is extended to non-members also who join Kane County Farm Bureau at the Fair.

FREE Family Fun Entry

Each day of the Fair the Farm Bureau will be registering members who stop by our building for FREE Family Fun Drawings. Prizes will include: 4 tickets to a Friday, 8/20 (1:20

p.m.) Royals vs Cubs game at Wrigley Field; getaway certificates for day trips to Door County, Lake Geneva, Grand Haven and Galena; and, Family Fun tickets to Kuipers Family Farm, Goebbert's Pumpkin Patch and Windy Acres Farm. One entry per membership will be allowed EACH day with a drawing to occur at the conclusion of the Fair.

Giant Jenga Farm & Food Trivia

Win a prize for yourself, your child or grandchild by successful completion of a trivia contest (alone or in competition). Prize values will increase with the number of correct answer given and range up to \$25 in value!

Bucket Raffles

Our popular KCFB Ag in the Classroom Fundraiser will return for 2021 with a score of prizes donated by local mer-

chants and your chance to win a prize or prize package for a \$1 ticket. We will again offer tickets with a volume discount (6 for \$5) and a FREE ice cream

Raffle grand prize, a 1972 Chevrolet C20, with tickets available starting at \$15 for this scholarship funds fundraiser. When they are not waxing and polishing the truck for the Raffle, FFA members and volunteers will help us strip, sand and repaint an early-mid century flare-box wagon as "lawn art" for the Farm Bureau.

As always, we will also have information on Farm Bureau member benefits, ice cold water, and farm animals for the kids. We hope our members and the public will stop by for a chat! See page 8 for a 2021 Kane County Fair schedule of events.

See you at the Fair!



cone at the 4-H Foundation ice cream stand for those who purchase \$10 worth of tickets.

The Farm Bureau building on the fairgrounds will also feature our 2021 Vintage Truck



Ag at Lifelong Learning Institute @ WCC?

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) adds a fulfilling dimension to the lives of many seniors in the area. Hosted by Waubensee Community College, LLI offers educational courses in a wide variety of subjects: art, history, music, literature, science, public policy and much more. The courses are led (facilitated) by LLI members who have a passion for a subject of their interest. The format for classes is informal and encourages discussion where members learn both from the facilitator but also from the wisdom and experience of the others. LLI courses are often enriched by an outside speaker who is able to illuminate the course topic with a particular expertise. Also, courses may be organized where a guest presenter will lead a complete course. The LLI also organizes trips to places of local interest. Classes typically meet once a week for two hours for up to six weeks. Courses are offered in the spring, summer, and fall. All seniors (50+) are welcome to LLI.

In normal times classes are held in local venues like public libraries and retirement homes, as well as on the Waubensee

Community College campus. Like other organizations during the COVID-19 crisis, LLI has adapted to virtual classes. Even as we move back to in-person classes it is likely, however, that a few virtual or hybrid classes will become the norm, to accommodate members who are less mobile.

Agriculture is part of the fabric of the community served by Lifelong Learners. LLI members have expressed interest in learning more about such issues as how farming will adapt to climate change, experience with sustainable agriculture, new methods that increase productivity and how global markets will evolve. LLI would like to learn from members of the Kane County Farm Bureau on these or other issues that are important to farmers in the area and, indeed, the world at large. They would be welcome to participate as outside speakers, guest presenters, or better still, as new members of LLI. More information on LLI may be found at www.waubensee.edu/lli.

For more info or to discuss topics, call Steve Arnold at 630-584-8660.

Volunteers from area FFA Chapters and others who stop by the Farm Bureau building on the Kane County Fairgrounds will be asked to help us clean, prep and paint this "yard-art", an early-mid century flare-box farm wagon.



Should it go back to the original green? Should it be in the red and black of Farm Bureau? Should it bear a logo? Or slogan? So many decisions! You can weigh in by calling our office at 630-584-8660, or by stopping by our building at the Fairgrounds, directly across from the Livestock Show Ring. We hope to see you there.

Farm toy of the month— John Deere-opoly

This month's "farm toy" is something a little different – a board game! Similar to the classic Monopoly, this game allows junior farmers to purchase equipment, build dealerships and run like a Deere around the board in their quest to become top farmer.

Regular price is \$22.86, but Farm Bureau members receive a 10% discount

in July. Don't let summer boredom set in, pick up a John Deere board game today!



Don't miss out on Fresh Peaches!

Turn to the back page to order delicious Southern Illinois peaches – a true taste of summer!

USDA sets dates for conservation reserve program signups

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has set a July 23, 2021, deadline for agricultural producers and landowners to apply for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) General signup 56. Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will accept applications for CRP Grasslands from July 12 to August 20. This year, USDA updated both signup options to provide greater incentives for producers and increase its conservation benefits, including reducing the impacts of climate change.

Both signups are competitive and will provide for annual rental payments for land devoted to conservation purposes.

"Bottom line, CRP now makes more financial sense for producers while also providing a bigger return on investment in terms of natural resource benefits. The General and Grasslands signups are part of a broader suite of tools available through CRP to integrate key conservation practices on our nation's working lands."

General Signup

Through CRP, producers and landowners establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees, to control soil erosion, improve water quality, and enhance wildlife habitat on cropland. Lands enrolled in

CRP also play a key role in mitigating impacts from climate change, and FSA has added a new Climate-Smart Practice Incentive for practices that sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

FSA is also adding a one-time "inflationary" adjustment for payment rates, as well as having more flexibility on adjusting soil rental rates.

FSA opened the General Signup in January 2021 and extended the original deadline to July 23, 2021, to enable producers to consider FSA's new improvements to the program.

Grasslands Signup

CRP Grasslands helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, and pastureland and certain other lands, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. Protecting grasslands contributes positively to the economy of many regions, provides biodiversity of plant and animal populations, and improves environmental quality.

FSA has updated the Grasslands Signup to establish a minimum rental rate of \$15 per acre, as well as new National Grassland Priority Zones.

How to Sign Up

To enroll in the CRP General signup, producers and landowners should contact their local USDA Service Center by the

July 23 deadline. To enroll in the CRP Grasslands signup, they should contact USDA by the August 20 deadline. While USDA offices may have limited visitors because of the pandemic, Service Center staff continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. To work with FSA, producers and landowners should contact their local USDA Service Center. Contact information can be found at farmers.gov/service-locator.

More Information on CRP

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest voluntary private-lands conservation programs in the United States. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits. The program marked its 35-year anniversary this past December.

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is engaged in a whole-of-government effort to combat the climate crisis and conserve and protect our nation's lands, biodiversity, and natural resources, including our soil, air and water. Through conservation practices, USDA aims to enhance economic growth and create new

streams of income for farmers, ranchers, producers and private foresters. Successfully meeting these challenges will require USDA and our agencies to pursue a coordinated approach alongside USDA stakeholders, including state, local, and tribal governments. USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food produc-

tion, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.



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 2021 THRU DECEMBER 2021

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JULY | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
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* Attendance by electronic means. ^ Attending IFB Leaders to Washington program.

Water rule reversal a blow to ag

From FarmWeek

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall commented recently on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) announcement of its intention to reverse the Navigable Waters Protection Rule.

"The American Farm Bureau Federation is extremely disappointed in the Environmental Protection Agency's announcement of its intention to reverse the environmentally conscious Navigable Waters Protection Rule, which finally brought clarity and certainty to clean water efforts. Farmers and ranchers care about clean water and preserving the land, and they support the Navigable

Waters Protection Rule.

"Administrator Regan recently recognized the flaws in the 2015 Waters of the U.S. Rule and pledged not to return to those overreaching regulations. We are deeply concerned that the EPA plans to reverse the Navigable Waters Protection Rule, which puts the future of responsible protections at risk. We expected extensive outreach, but today's announcement fails to recognize the concerns of farmers and ranchers.

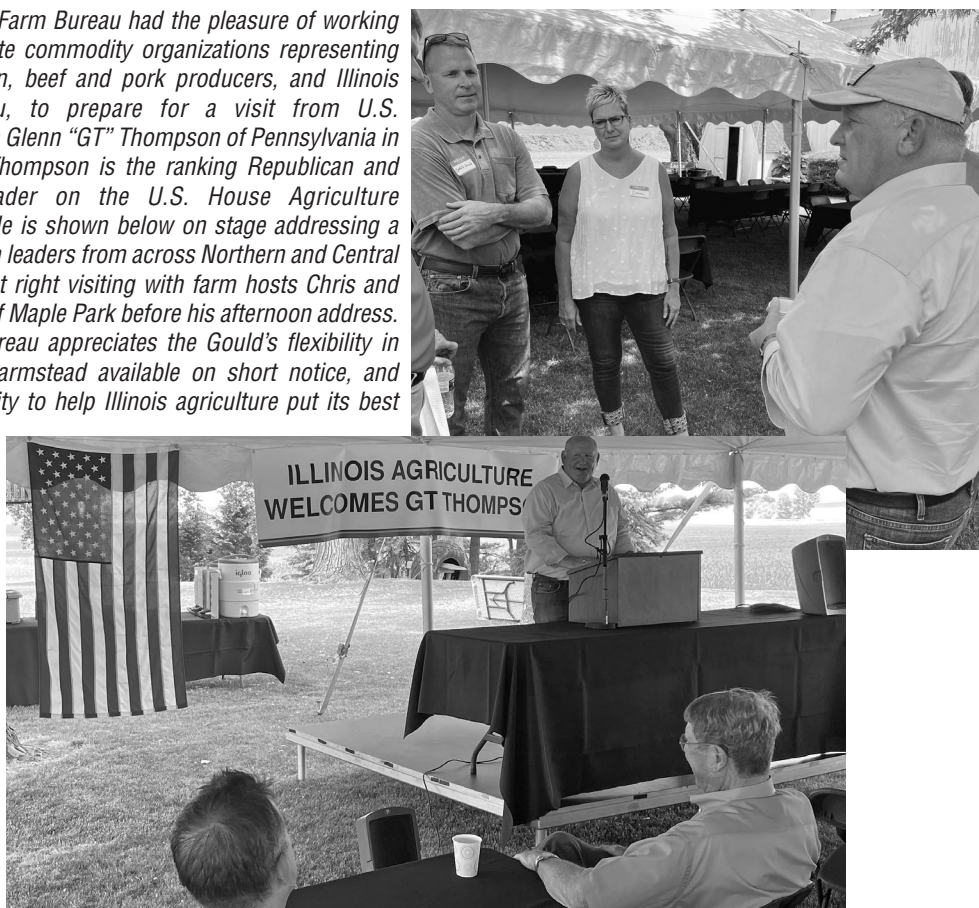
"This is an important moment for Administrator Regan and will be pivotal to his ability to earn the trust of farmers on this and other administration priorities. He must keep his word to recognize the efforts of

agriculture and not return to flawed, overly complicated and excessive regulations.

"We call on EPA to respect the statute, recognize the burden that overreaching regulation places on farmers and ranchers, and not write the term 'navigable' out of the Clean Water Act. On this issue, and particularly prior converted croplands and ephemerals, we also urge Secretary Vilsack to ensure that we don't return to the regulatory land grab that was the 2015 WOTUS Rule.

"Clean water and clarity are paramount, and that is why farmers shouldn't need a team of lawyers and consultants to farm."

Kane County Farm Bureau had the pleasure of working alongside state commodity organizations representing corn, soybean, beef and pork producers, and Illinois Farm Bureau, to prepare for a visit from U.S. Congressman Glenn "GT" Thompson of Pennsylvania in early June. Thompson is the ranking Republican and Minority Leader on the U.S. House Agriculture Committee. He is shown below on stage addressing a crowd of farm leaders from across Northern and Central Illinois, and at right visiting with farm hosts Chris and Dana Gould of Maple Park before his afternoon address. The Farm Bureau appreciates the Gould's flexibility in making the farmstead available on short notice, and their hospitality to help Illinois agriculture put its best foot forward.



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2021 Young Leader Discussion Meet

The Discussion Meet is a competition promoted by the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) State Young Leader Committee.

Farm Bureau's strength depends on its members' ability to analyze agricultural issues and decide on solutions that best meet their needs. The competition is designed to simulate a committee meeting where dis-

cussion and active participation are expected from each committee member.

Applicants build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems.

The IFB State Young Leader Committee and the IFB Member

Engagement Department will coordinate the program at the district and state levels.

District winners will compete in the state contest at the 2021 IAA Annual Meeting, December 4-7.

Eligibility

• Competitors shall be an Illinois Farm Bureau member (MM, MS, PM, PS, or A) between the ages of 18 and 35 in good standing with their County Farm Bureau in the membership system (as of 7 days prior to the district contest). A dependent member may compete if they are between the ages of 18 and 22, not married, and a child of an active MM, MS, PM, PS, or A member in good standing.

• The individual shall have reached his/her 18th birthday at the time of the district contest and shall not have reached his/her 36th birthday by Jan. 31, 2022.

• Competitors must be actively engaged in agriculture.

• Competitor(s) may compete in the Discussion Meet AND either the Achievement Award OR Excellence in Agriculture Award in the same year, however, if the applicant were to be named State Winner in multiple programs, they may only go on to represent one program in the national competition.

Prizes

State Winner:

John Deere Z545R ZTrak™

Big Rock Plowing Match will return in 2021

The 2021 Big Rock Plowing Match will return in September 2021 after a year's hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 127th Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival — one of the oldest events of its kind in America — will return Sept. 17 to Sept. 19 at Plowman's Park, 48W508 Hinckley Road, Big Rock.

"We are thrilled to be able to set into motion plans for the 127th anniversary of the Big Rock Plowing Match & Festival on Sept. 17-19 and the Bull Riding event on Aug. 14," organizers said via the Big Rock Plowing Match Facebook page.

The celebration of farming traditions features the plowing competition and includes an array of activities for everyone in the family.

For the kids, there's a Friday night carnival, petting zoo, old-

fashioned races and games, pedal tractor pull and train rides.

People of all ages can enjoy the craft and art show, horse show, cattle show and vegetable and grain show, participate in the bags tournament, round bale roll, old time baseball or 5k fun run/walk. The Junior and Ladies Fairs showcase baked goods, canned goods, handicrafts and photos by kids and adults in competition for over \$3,000 in prize money.

"There's so much to enjoy as you stroll under the oaks," said Ladies Fair organizer A. Denise Farrugia. "Food and beverages are available, and as always, admission and parking are free."

For more information, visit bigrockplowingmatch.com, the Big Rock Plowing Match Facebook page or email bigrockplowingmatch@gmail.com.



BOUNTY OF KANE Photo Contest



Kane County Farm Bureau is proud of Kane County's agricultural heritage and knows a lot of our members appreciate it too. That's why we're introducing a fun new contest for the summer! We invite you to take photos of summer abundance in Kane County during the months of July, August and September — corn and soybean growth (knee high by the 4th of July or towering over your teenager?); cows and new calves in the field, horses and foals, hens and chicks; farmers planting or tending their crops or livestock; bee-hives and beekeepers; or locally grown fruits, vegetables or flowers at local farm stands and farmers markets. Send your photos to us.

One winning photo will be chosen for each month of July, August and September 2021 and winning photos will be featured on our Facebook page and printed in the *Kane County Farmer*. The winner for each month will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to our Farm Bureau store chock full of farm toys, local food products and Inboden's meats.

Rules: Photo must be taken in Kane County. Please do not trespass on privately owned farm property to capture your photo.

Any fruits, vegetables or flowers must be locally grown — no bananas, coconuts or palm fronds! Fruits, vegetables or flowers can be from your home garden.

Three photo submission maximum for each entrant each month.

Email your photo entry with "Bounty photo" in the subject line and the following information to: info@kanecfb.com.

Your name, address

Age (if under 18) • Phone number • email address

Location and date photo was taken

Comments about photo

Excitement grows when you share The Bounty of Kane!

IFB investing funds for educational, agricultural products

The Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors recently granted \$176,900 to help fund projects undertaken by 10 Illinois organizations and universities.

"IFB is pleased to be able to provide funding support for these projects," said Richard Guebert Jr., IFB president. "We view our financial contribution as an investment to improve Illinois agriculture."

Brian Duncan, IFB vice president and finance committee chairman, reflected on multiple benefits: "The public-private

partnerships are very important. It's beneficial not only for the dollars we bring to the table for the recipients, but also Illinois Farm Bureau's good name goes along with those funds. It means a lot to the recipients to participate with us."

The board used a specific scoring system to evaluate submitted grant requests. Those awarded funding include:

Illinois AgrAbility

Illinois AgrAbility provides free services to help farmers, farm families and agricultural workers overcome limitations

Mower with 54-in. Deck (or equivalent model) and \$2,000 Cash OR \$8,500 Cash, courtesy of Illinois Farm Bureau & COUNTRY Financial

\$1,500 Cash, courtesy of GROWMARK, Inc.

Expense-paid trip to the IAA Annual Meeting in Chicago, December 4-7, 2021*

Expense-paid trip to represent Illinois in the AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers national contest at the 2022 AFBF Annual Convention in Atlanta, GA, January 7-12, 2022*

Complimentary registration and hotel accommodations at the 2022 IFB Young Leader Conference, January 21-22, 2022*

2021 YOUNG LEADER

DISCUSSION MEET

Topics for District Discussion Meets:

How can Farm Bureau improve its effectiveness at recruiting YF&R members and increasing participation in YF&R programs?

Agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries. What can we, as young farmers and ranchers, do to create a more preventative, rather than reactive, approach to farm safety in our communities?

| Districts | Date | Location |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| 1 | Tues. Aug. 17 | Sycamore |
| 2 | Wed. July 21 | Freeport |
| 3 | Thurs. July 29 | Cambridge |
| 4 | Tues. July 13 | Princeton |
| 5 & 6 | Mon. Aug. 2 | Mazon |
| 7 & 8 | Wed. Aug. 11 | Morton |
| 9 | Tues. Aug. 10 | Carthage |
| 10 | Wed. June 30 | Springfield |
| 11 & 12 | Wed. July 28 | Champaign |
| 13 & 17 | Sat. Aug. 7 | Albion |
| 14 | Tues. Aug. 24 | Effingham |
| 15 & 16 | Wed. Aug. 18 | Belleville |
| 18 | Thurs. Aug. 12 | Harrisburg |

Contact your county Farm Bureau for eligibility and contest information.

and assist with securing tools or support to continue farming.

Funding will be used to provide consultation and referral services to farmers with disabilities. Those could include professional consultations with a physical therapist and occupational therapist.

A quarterly webinar series, hosted by the program's director and featuring guest speakers, will cover a variety of health and safety topics.

Children's Discovery Museum

The Children's Discovery Museum in Normal promotes learning and playing activities for children throughout Illinois.

The museum is in the initial planning stages to update its 12-year-old AgMazing exhibit that showcases agriculture. Young visitors plant seeds, investigate crop stress, virtually drive a tractor or combine, milk a cow or follow soybean production from farm to table.

The museum, which was closed for more than a year during the COVID-19 pandemic, is recovering to fulfill its mission.

Illinois 4-H Foundation

Funding will be used for the 4-H Junior Livestock Conference, a two-day, hands-on event for 4-H members in seventh through ninth grades from across the state. Participants will focus on leadership, team building and animal advocacy. They will be introduced to careers in the livestock industry.

Funding will support 20 Illinois 4-H State Livestock Ambassadors who will plan and implement the Junior Livestock Conference and travel around the state to give livestock presentations and perform other duties.

Illinois FFA

Illinois Association FFA state officers and staff conducted three state conventions in different regions to accommodate the five FFA districts and state COVID-19 restrictions. Funding supported the traveling state FFA conventions.

Illinois Farm Bureau was recognized at each of the conventions as a supporter, provided a welcome during convention videos and remarks to convention participants. IFB had a social media presence throughout the convention.

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AG LITERACY CORNER

By Kelcee Miller, Development & Ag Literacy Program Coordinator



Hello Kane County!

The year is already halfway over and before we know it will be the holidays, how crazy is that? How is that possible? Rounding the half-way lap of 2021 makes me reflect on the first half of the year. Whether it is personal, work-related, or fitness, have I put in the work and time needed to get my closer to my goals?

I think all too often, come the first of the New Year, people set lofty goals for themselves to achieve during that given year.

However, once the initial excitement wears off and actual work is needed to reach said goal, people quit or find an excuse to stop working towards their goal. My mantra is if it's important to you, you will find a way. No ifs, ands, or buts about it. As the saying goes you either find a way or you find an excuse. It's a tough pill to swallow, but it's true. If the goal is important, then you make it a priority to work towards each and every day.

When was the last time you set a goal for yourself and put

Lennon, age 9, of St. Charles, paused for a photo while pointing out her prize winning artwork in the recent Kane County Young Farmers Coloring Contest.

She stopped in last month to redeem her \$10 gift card prize at the Kane County Farm Bureau Country Store. With her gift card, Lennon purchased this adorable Cuddle Cow! Thanks for participating in the contest, Lennon, and enjoy your prize!



IAITC Classroom Grant Opportunities

Illinois Ag in the Classroom is excited to be offering two classroom grant opportunities for Illinois teachers for the upcoming school year! IAITC is even offering a Get-a-Grant Workshop on Thursday, August 5 to share ideas from past recipients, lesson inspirations, and

grant application tips and tricks.

Sign up for the Get-a-Grant Workshop: <https://iaitc.co/getagrants>

Apply for the Book Grant: <https://iaitc.co/bookgrants>

Apply for the Project Grant: <https://iaitc.co/projectgrants>.

Summer Ag Institute

Join Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom on Tuesday mornings this summer to learn more about how to incorporate agriculture-themed lessons and activities into your classroom next school year. The one-hour weekly sessions will cover the following themes: Natural Resources, Livestock, Row

Crops, and Specialty Crops. Each theme will be discussed in two week blocks. Sign up for as many sessions as you'd like, and they will mail you a session-in-a-box for each theme so you can participate along with us. Sign up and learn more here: <http://iaitc.co/summer21>.

Summer 2021
Virtual Teacher Trainings
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Illinois AGRICULTURE
in the ClassroomSM

Tuesdays at 9:00 am:

Block 1: Natural Resources, June 8 and June 15

Block 2: Livestock, June 22 and June 29

Block 3: Row Crops, July 6 and July 13

Block 4: Specialty Crops, July 20 and July 27

the time and energy in and actually achieved it? I think what's special about goals is that they are yours, not anyone else's. There is something inside of YOU that has a burning desire to achieve something more. You are the only person in control of the time, effort, and mindset you put into achieving that goal. It's called work for a reason. Working towards any goal you set for yourself is meant to push you outside your comfort zone and make you dig deeper than you ever thought possible.

There will be days that it will be hard and you want to give up. There will be days where your mind will try to talk you out of

achieving your goal, days where it doesn't feel like there's enough hours in the day, days when you're exhausted but in those times of self-doubt and struggle we discover what we are really made of. From time to time we may have a bad day or two, but how we bounce back and show up the next day speaks volumes. Tomorrow is always a new day to do things better and learn from the previous. If we don't learn from our mistakes, how will we ever improve? Goals are meant to challenge you in more ways than one.

Even with the highs and lows along the way, make sure to celebrate the small victories and

learn to embrace the process. Those little victories will slowly begin to compound, motivating you and fueling that fire within to keep working towards your end goal and before you know it you will achieve it. I encourage you to keep setting goals for yourself. There is no better time than the present to get started. It may take a few months or even a few years, but I promise you it will be worth it in the end. You will learn so much about yourself and you will be able to look yourself in the mirror saying, "I did it!" And there is no greater feeling than achieving a goal you fought so hard for.

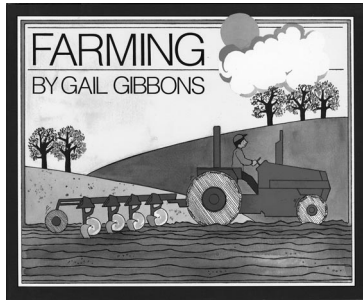
Happy July!

Book of the month

Farms come in all shapes and sizes. Some farms are big and some are small. Some farms specialize and produce one or two crops or farm animals or many!

The book of the month for July is *Farming*, written by Gail Gibbons. In this informative book, Gibbons takes readers on a journey during every season on the farm and explores what is happening both inside and outside the barn. What makes this book special is how Gibbons highlights different areas of the

farm such as in the fields, garden, barn stalls, and silos! Gibbons explains common farming terms and what they all



Farming by Gail Gibbons

mean in language that is easy to follow and understand.

Like with the weather, farming duties change from day to day and no two days are the same. Each day is an adventure and new lessons are gained daily. To better understand farming and what all occurs during each season around the farm, come on in to the Kane County Farm Bureau office and check out our FREE KCFB Library, then check out *Farming*.

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Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Kelcee Miller, Ag Literacy Coordinator



Peppery, bracing, not-for-the-faint-of-heart

Horseradish

Hot stuff!

- Illinois is the number one producer of horseradish.
- Annually we grow an estimated 1,500 acres of horseradish.
- More than two-thirds of our nation's supply of this vegetable root comes from Madison and St. Clair counties in southwestern Illinois.
- The cold winters of Illinois

provide the required root dormancy, and the long summers provide excellent growing conditions for horseradish.

- Collinsville is known as the "Horseradish Capital of the World," and supplies roughly 60% of the world's horseradish.
- In the U.S., an estimated 24 million pounds of horseradish root are ground and processed annually to yield six

million gallons of prepared horseradish.

- The root has a very strong, pungent flavor that has been known to clear people's sinuses.
- Horseradish is a root. It is still planted and harvested mostly by hand.
- It is naturally rich in many key nutrients like calcium, dietary fiber, folate, manganese, and magnesium.

Individual savory horseradish bread puddings

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp. unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups heavy cream
- 6 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1/4 cup prepared white horseradish
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 cups small-diced white sandwich bread, such as Pepperidge Farm Original (about 5 slices), with crusts
- 1 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- 3 Tbs. thinly sliced fresh chives

DIRECTIONS:

1. Position a rack in the center of the oven and heat the oven to 400°F. Grease a 12-cup non-stick muffin tin with the butter.
2. In a 4-cup liquid measur-

ing cup, thoroughly whisk the cream and eggs. Whisk in the horseradish, 1 tsp. salt, and a few grinds of pepper and set aside.

3. Portion half of the bread cubes evenly among the 12 muff-



cheese, and chives.

4. Whisk the custard again and carefully pour it into the muffin cups, distributing it evenly. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

5. Bake until the puddings are set and the tops are nicely browned and puffed, 18 to 22 minutes. Let cool in the pan for 20 minutes. Carefully remove the puddings from the pan, running a paring knife around the edge of the puddings if they stick. *Makes 12.*

This recipe found by McKenna Berglind and more ideas may be found here: <https://www.finecooking.com/recipe/individual-savory-horseradish-bread-puddings>.

fin cups. Portion half of the parmigiana and half of the chives evenly among the cups. Repeat with the remaining bread,

Grow your own horseradish

1. With horseradish root in hand, cut off the top half of the root (bottom half used for planting purposes)

2. In a roomy container of at least 18 inches by 18 inches, use nutrient rich, well-loosened soil to begin planting (you will need one container per one plant).

Place the root at an angle (45 degrees works best). Bury the root so 2 inches are peeking out from the soil.

3. Give it time to grow, literal-

ly. It is a perennial, so plant it and let it do its thing. Just give the root a good 2 inches of water a week.

4. In about a year, your horseradish will reach maturity. Dig up the main root, wash, store in a cool place and enjoy in a variety of recipes!

This planting guide and more ideas may be found here: <https://premeditatedleftovers.com/gardening/how-to-grow-horseradish/>



July is ...

| National | |
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| Independence Day | 4th |
| Fried Chicken Day | 6th |
| Strawberry Sundae Day | 7th |
| Sugar Cookie Day | 9th |
| Kitten Day | 10th |
| Cow Appreciation Day | 13th |
| French Fry Day | 13th |
| Mac & Cheese Day | 14th |
| Cherry Day | 16th |
| Ice Cream Day | 18th |
| Hot Dog Day | 21st |
| Hot Fudge Sundae Day | 25th |
| Parent's Day | 25th |
| Aunt & Uncle Day | 26th |
| Milk Chocolate Day | 28th |
| Chicken Wing Day | 29th |
| Chili Dog Day | 29th |
| Lasagna Day | 29th |
| Cheesecake Day | 30th |
| Avocado Day | 31st |

Month-long celebrations...

- National Ice Cream Month
- National Horseradish Month

HORSERADISH CHICKEN TACOS



Illinois proudly ranks as the highest producing state for horseradish. In fact, Collinsville, Illinois is known as the "Horseradish Capital of the World," and supplies roughly 60% of the world's horseradish.



INGREDIENTS

- Taco Ingredients**
- 2 large sweet onions, thinly sliced
 - 2 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. extra virgin olive oil, divided
 - 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into strips
 - 1 tsp. cumin
 - 1 tsp. coriander
 - 1 tsp. freshly ground pepper
 - 8 (8-inch) multigrain tortillas
 - 2 cups baby spinach

- Horseradish Sauce Ingredients**
- 1 cup light sour cream
 - 1/3 cup red onion, finely chopped
 - 2 tsp. lime juice
 - 4 tsp. prepared horseradish

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large skillet over high heat. Add onions and sauté for 5 minutes. Add red pepper and sauté another 5 minutes, until onions are translucent, and the peppers have softened. Remove from heat and set aside.
2. Season chicken strips with cumin, coriander and black pepper.
3. Heat remaining 1 teaspoon oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Cook strips 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until no longer pink.
4. Meanwhile, whisk together sauce ingredients in a medium bowl. Warm tortillas according to package instructions.
5. Place 1/4 cup spinach over each tortilla. Divide chicken evenly over spinach. Top with onion, peppers and horseradish sauce.

Recipe originally published in Partner's magazine.

Horseradish

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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 by July 15, 2021 to be entered in our drawing for a Illinois specialty crop themed prize. Prize must be picked up at the KCFB office within one month of newspaper publication.

JOKES

What did the pig say on a hot summer day?
I'm bacon!

What do sheep do on a sunny day?
Have a baa-baa-cue!

What did the little corn say to the mama corn?
Where is pop corn?

When do you go at red and stop at green?
When you're eating a watermelon!

Congratulations

to **Kenneth Norris** of Sugar Grove, this month's word search winner. His name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search puzzle. For his participation, he receives a weather themed prize. Thank you, Kenneth, for reading the *Kane County Farmer*, and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.



Hot fact: Illinois No. 1 in horseradish

As a kid, I only knew horseradish as the white, hot condiment that Mom enjoyed on her roast beef sandwich. As an adult, I learned a cool fact about the vegetable with sinus-clearing heat: Illinois ranks No. 1 in horseradish production. Farmers in southwest Illinois grow two-thirds of the nation's supply, easily winning the horse(radish) race with more than double the acreage of No. 2 California.

Illinois' horseradish reign can add some flavor to picnic table talk and even the picnic

food itself, appropriate during July, dubbed National Horseradish Month. Squirt some prepared horseradish on a hot dog. Add it to the picnic meatloaf. Shave some raw root onto a tossed salad. People even toast the vegetable in Bloody Mary cocktails during a competition at the International Horseradish Festival in Collinsville, where festivalgoers also hurl roots for sport.

Noticeably different from Illinois' dominant landscape of corn and soybeans, horseradish is a root crop. Its above-ground leaves resemble oversized, three-foot-tall greens. Its white root delivers the heat desired in condiments and popular on prime rib. Rob Gerstenecker's family has grown horseradish for around 50 years near the

Mississippi River basin, the "American Bottoms" where the crop thrives in the rich soils and climate.

Horseradish production delivers another set of busy seasons for the Gersteneckers, also corn and soybean farmers. Before corn and soybean planting, they plant and harvest final horseradish roots in early spring. After corn and soybean harvest, they harvest most of their roots, then clean and pack roots through the end of the year, saving quality finger roots for "seed" to plant the following year.

Each root is planted, weeded, harvested and packed by hand (I repeat, by hand), making the crop's labor demands as intense as its heat. The family hires extra hands to help, and Rob estimates one day of work in the field equals up to three days of work in the shed to prepare roots for shipment to the farm's buyers, which include proces-

sors in Maryland and Ohio.

During the growing season, farmers hire Rob to scout for bugs and diseases in horseradish fields, including in the top-producing counties of Madison, St. Clair and Monroe. At home, his family enjoys horseradish in spaghetti sauces and on meats off the grill. For the amateur, he

suggests adding horseradish to foods enjoyed with onions to taste test and support Illinois' hot crop.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, wheat and hay and raise beef cattle and backyard chickens.



Welcome to the next level

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

Regular Members

- Tino Beltran Elgin**
- Scott Grischow Hampshire**
- Lionel Guerra Sugar Grove**
- Steve Larson Frankfort**

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 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, 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.*

Simple ways to shop and share with KCFB Foundation

Shop on AmazonSmile and support KCFB Foundation at the same time? It sounds too good to be true! AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the extra bonus that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation.

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To verify that you've followed the steps properly, at the check-out portion of your purchase there will be a box stating, "Supporting Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation" You will also see on various items that it will say, "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation."



Our Caps, Your Cause:

In 2018, we encouraged the community to join us in our 10,000 gallon milk challenge by buying and donating to the Northern Illinois Food Bank. With the successful event in mind we are shifting gears a little bit in 2021. We are excited to be working with Prairie Farms Dairy in their Our Caps, Your Cause program. Simply purchase Prairie Farm Dairy white or chocolate milk in a gallon or a half gallon or Prairie Farms iced coffee and peel off the special

Our Caps, Your Cause sticker to reveal a unique, redeemable code. For every redeemable code, Prairie Farms will give 5-cents to Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation. We hope you will join us in our next challenge and bring your milk caps into KCFB or mail them to us. In the meantime, keep drinking your milk and save your caps all year long! It's a small change that can make a big difference!

If you'd like to enter the codes yourself online follow these steps:

Go to <https://www.prairie-farms.com/>

Click "Our Caps, Your Cause" at the top of the page

Click the orange box that says "Redeem Codes Now"

Under the first category menu select "Education"

Under the next category select "Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, St. Charles, IL"

Enter your codes in the boxes below

Click "Donate" in the orange box at the bottom to submit your cap codes.



Step by step instructions:

1. Click the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3691384>
2. Click the yellow "Start shopping" box
3. Sign in using your Amazon

Season's Eatings

July is the month for some delicious fresh produce. Visit your local farm stand or farmer's market and stock up on fresh green beans, zucchini and yellow squash, early tomatoes and sweet corn. Stop by Kane County Farm Bureau and pick up a free 5x7" refrigerator magnet that gives you a handy list of Illinois' specialty crops and their months of availability. Savor the summer flavors of fresh Kane County produce!

These Kane County farm stands and are full of fresh summer flavors.

- Enjoy Pioneer Farm**
17N400 Big Timber Rd, Hampshire; Lane Burnidge; 847-683-2863; enjoypioneerfarm.com
- Goebbert's Pumpkin Patch**
42W813 Reinking Rd., Hampshire; Lloyd; 847-464-5952; emilyz@pumpkinfarms.com
- Heritage Prairie Mkt & Edu Ctr.**
2N308 Brundidge Rd, Elburn; 630-443-5989; heritageprairiefarmmarket.com
- Klein's Farm & Garden Market**
Rt 20, Udina/1175 Lillian St., Elgin; Matt Klein; 847-683-9647; kleinsqualityproduce.com
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1N318 Watson Rd., Maple Park; Wade & Kim Kuipers; 815-827-5200; kuipersfamilyfarm.com

- Prairie View Farm Market**
48W130 Rt 72, Hampshire; 847-683-4970; Cheryl; prairieviewfarmmarket.com
- Randy's Vegetables**
1-90 at Randall Rd., Elgin/Sleepy Hollow; 847-428-5244; randysvegetables@aol.com
- Stojan Vegetables**
2N874 Howard Rd., Maple Park; Phil Stojan; 815-827-3265; stojans.vegetables@gmail.com
- Theis Farm Market**
6N953 County Line Rd., Maple Park; 815-757-1090; theisfarmmarket.com
- Tom's Farm Market & Greenhouse**
10214 Algonquin Rd., Huntley; 847-669-3421; tomsfarmmarket.com
- Wiltse Farm Produce**
50W379 Rt. 38, Maple Park; Joe Wiltse; 815-739-2573; wiltsefarm.com
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Savor summer at these area farmstands



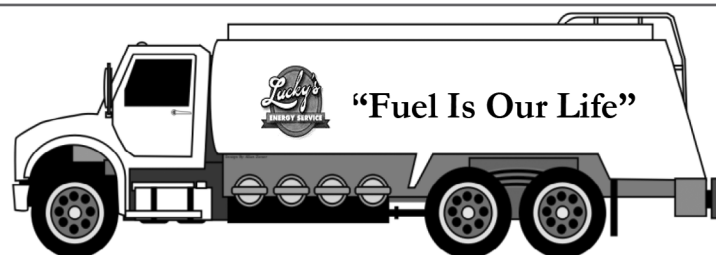
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Webinar series on ecosystem market opportunities

The Illinois Sustainable Agriculture Partnership (ISAP) will be holding a free, four-part webinar series this summer,

exploring new ecosystem services market opportunities for Midwest farmers. The series will provide farmers and their

advisors with practical and straightforward information on innovative market incentives.

The webinars will be held on Tuesday, June 22, Thursday, June 24, Tuesday, July 13 and Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM CDT. The webinars will feature programs available from input providers such as Bayer, Corteva and Nutrien; explore innovative markets and data platforms available from CIBO, Farmers Business Network, and Land O'Lakes; examine market opportunities through the lens of the agricultural supply chain companies Cargill, General Mills, and PepsiCo; and investigate water quality markets and additional potential revenue streams for ecosystem services.

"Interest in ecosystem mar-

kets continues to rise, and with all the new options popping up it is difficult to decide which program, if any, may be a good fit for a particular operation," says Emily Bruner, American Farmland Trust Midwest Science Director. "ISAP's goal with this series is to develop a portfolio of resources to inform farmer decisions and build confidence around navigating market and innovative incentive opportunities."

The event is hosted by ISAP with help from more than 20 organizations spanning across Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin. The adoption of practices like no-till, cover crops, pasture management, and agroforestry can sequester carbon in the soil and reduce greenhouse gases by soaking up carbon that would

otherwise trap heat in the atmosphere. Expanding financial incentives and markets for carbon and other ecosystem services present an opportunity for Midwest farmers to combat climate change while improving water quality and building on-farm resiliency and profitability.

More information can be found online at <https://ilsustainableag.org/ecomarkets> along with registration information and additional event details. If you have questions or need assistance with registering, please send email inquiries to ilsustainableag@gmail.com. Participants are encouraged to submit questions ahead of time during the registration process.

For more details, contact: April Ann Opatik: aopatik@farmland.org.

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!

What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

St. Charles Agency, Bob Effner, Agency Manager

Victor Alvarado has been named the Agent of the Month for May 2021 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. Victor has provided tangible 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 Victor's expertise help you! You may reach Victor at 847-742-0003, victor.alvarado@countryfinancial.com, or <https://representatives.countryfinancial.com>

victor.alvarado/. Congratulations, Victor!

Aurora Agency, Alonzo Nevarez, Agency Manager

Zach Fox, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for May 2021. Zach began his career with COUNTRY Financial in May of 2007 and services clients out of his office located at: 1920 Wilson Street, Batavia, 60510, (630) 406-6900. Zach's professionalism and vast knowledge of auto, home, life, commercial and financial products make him a great person to do business with.

Congratulations, Zach!

IDOA offers free recycling program for agrichemical containers

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is encouraging farmers and agrichemical facilities to save their empty agrichemical containers as they will once again be hosting free container recycling days throughout the state.

"This program offers farmers and agrichemical facilities a convenient opportunity to dispose of empty pesticide containers while also helping to protect

the environment," said Jerry Costello II, Director, IDOA. "I encourage farmers to gather containers they are planning to dispose and take them to the nearest collection site to be repurposed."

The program is a cooperative venture between the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Container Recycling Council, GROW-MARK, Inc., Illinois Fertilizer

and Chemical Association, G. Phillips and Sons, L.L.C., Illinois Farm Bureau, and the University of Illinois Extension.

Additional information can be found on the IDOA website at agriculture.illinois.gov, click on the "Environment" tab and then "Agrichemicals". To obtain a free brochure about the program, call the Illinois department of Agriculture toll free at 1-800-641-3934.

The collection sites and dates for the 2021 Pesticide Container Recycling Program are as follows:

Single Day Collection Sites:

AM Site hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
PM Site hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
*** Site hours are 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

| Date/Time | County/City | Location | Contact | Phone |
|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 8/9 AM | DeKalb/Kirkland | Helena Chemical Co. | Dan Moore | 815-522-3251 |
| 8/9 PM | Kane/Maple Park | CHS Inc. | Mike Buchanan | 630-365-5027 |
| 8/10 AM | McHenry/Marengo | Conserv FS | Brett Wolter | 815-568-7211 |

Help celebrate centennial birthday!

The Kane County Farm Bureau offers congratulations and best wishes to Evelyn Lootens, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on July 22!

Evelyn is a former member of the Kane County Farm Bureau Women's Committee

and has a lifelong affiliation to farming in Kane County.

Congratulations, Evelyn, on this milestone, and best wishes for health and happiness in your 100th year!

If any of our readers would like to send a birthday card to

Evelyn, it can be mailed to the address below.

Please send your card to:
Evelyn Lootens
River Glen of St. Charles
975 N. Fifth Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174

Grumpy garden? The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Help Desk is open and taking questions! Send a detailed message with your question to uiemg-kane@illinois.edu and a volunteer will get back to you.

Vintage truck + fun ride = fun prize

The grand prize winner in the annual raffle will be drawn in September, 2021. The winning ticket will take home a 1972 Chevrolet C-20 camper special pickup truck. Second prize is \$500 in groceries and third prize \$500 in fuel.

Tickets are \$15 each, 2 for \$25 or 5 for \$50 and are available at Kane County Farm Bureau (2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles), from the Farm Bureau directors listed on page 2, with VISA or MasterCard at 630-584-8660, or by sending payment with the ticket request form at right.

In 2019-20, over \$22,500 in tuition assistance was provided by the Foundation. For 2021-22, the KCFB Foundation has

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Vintage Truck Raffle KCFB Foundation

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Looking to get more involved in the Community? Join Young Farmers

You're invited to join the Kane County Farm Bureau Young Farmers. Join young (18-35 years), local agriculture enthusiasts from around Kane County at their next gathering as they socialize and learn more about upcoming local and statewide activities. Any mem-

ber 18-35 is invited and new faces are always welcome! For more information or to be added to the contact list please contact Kelcee Miller, aitc@kanecfb.com or Steve Arnold at (630) 584-8660 or steve@kanecfb.com.



Kane County Fair Midway Hours of Operation

- Wednesday: 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
- Saturday: 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
- Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Note: Exhibit halls close two hour earlier than Midway.

Admission

- Wednesday: FREE admission
- Thursday: \$5; children under 3 FREE
- Senior citizens over 62: FREE Thursday until 5:00 p.m.
- Military with I.D.: FREE Thursday until 5:00 p.m.
- Friday – Sunday: \$10/adult; \$5/children 3-12; FREE/children under 3
- Season Tickets: \$20.00

Grandstand Entertainment

- Thursday 6:30 PM
Illinois State Pullers Truck Pull ADMISSION \$10.00
 - Friday 7:30 PM
Professional Championship Bull Riders and Cowgirls
 - SATURDAY 7:30 PM
Professional Championship Bull Riders and Cowgirls
 - SUNDAY 4:00 PM
Demolition Derby ADMISSION \$10.00
- Purchase discounted tickets for Friday and Saturday shows at Ticketmaster. Tickets will be sold at the Grandstand starting each night at 6:00 PM

Miller Lite Sound Stage

Free All Day, Everyday.
Live entertainment each night beginning at 7 pm or 8 pm.

Midway and Free Acts, Shows

Fantasy Amusements Ride Co., Magic Show, Petting Zoo, Kiddy Land, Swifty Swine Racing Pigs, All Star Amusements Instruction, Bengal Tiger Encounter, Imagination Gallery, Wine tasting Garden /Music and Kane County "Dairies to Prairies" exhibit in the West Wing of the Prairie Events Center each day, Classic Car Show; Saturday and Sunday all day

Rides by Fantasy Amusements

- Wednesday: Free admission to fairgrounds; \$20 unlimited rides from 3:00 p.m. to close.
- Thursday: Customer Appreciation Day! \$20 fair admission and unlimited rides from 3:00 p.m. to close (if purchased at gate).
- Friday: Super Saver Day! \$20 unlimited rides from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (does not include admission) Sales stop 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday: Community Day! \$20 unlimited rides from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. (does not include admission) Sales stop at 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: Fair Finale Day! \$20 unlimited rides from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. (does not include admission)

Sales stop at 4:00 p.m. Last Blast! \$5 fair admission and \$15 unlimited rides from 6:00 p.m. to close.

4-H Members: \$15 unlimited rides all day,

Thursday only; must be purchased in advance through 4-H office.

All information from Kane County Fair website, kanecountyfair.com



Defensive Driving Class

After a COVID hiatus, the Kane County Farm Bureau has scheduled a 55 Alive Mature Driving Program for September 20 and 21. The class will run from 9am to 1pm on two consecutive days at Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles. You must attend both sessions to complete the course.

The eight hour course covers

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

for more details.

Attendees must be licensed drivers. Pre-registration will be required. Cost will be \$20 per person for AARP members and \$25 for non-members (payable the first day) to cover the cost of materials.

Contact Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 for more information.

Raging Waves—savings at Illinois' largest outdoor water park

Head on out for some fun in the sun (and water) this summer! Grab your family and friends and check out Aussie-themed Raging Waves, located just south of Kane County in Yorkville, it's also Illinois' largest outdoor water park! Enjoy summer with a visit to this family-friendly water park featuring 32 water slides, 3 separate kiddie pool area, wave pool, lazy river, 26 private cabanas and more.

Attractions include: Quokka-

Nut Island, a new interactive play area for the Lil mates (ages 2-5) including slides and zero-



depth pool. Also home to Wonambi – the only of its kind in the Midwest, a four person tube and a slide.

Tickets purchased last year

from KCFB can be used for Raging Waves 2021 season. Stop by Kane County Farm Bureau to purchase individual discounted tickets for only \$19.00! Regularly priced tickets are \$34.99 (for over 42" tall) but with your Farm Bureau membership discount, you will save 45% off of the original price!

To purchase discounted tickets, click on <https://tickets.ragingwaves.com> store name "KANE".

IFB investing

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Illinois State University

Illinois State University is renovating a classroom in the Ropp Agricultural Building on the Normal campus. Funding will be combined with funds from the College of Applied Sciences and Technology to upgrade classroom technology and furnishings.

Orr Agricultural Research

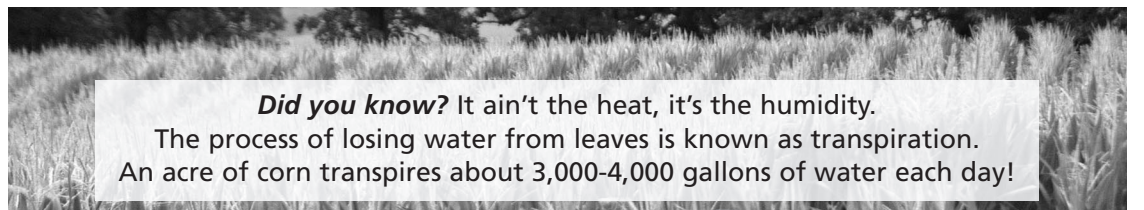
Center-University of Illinois-John Wood Community College

Funding will be applied to create a multipurpose facility in conjunction with the University of Illinois, John Wood Community College and the Orr Research Center Corp. Located near Perry in Pike County, the new facility would provide a hands-on animal husbandry lab environment for students and for educational and demonstration events.

With a special focus on livestock care and handling, the facility will have an arena, area for delivery and work with large and small animals, accessible accommodations for local residents, organizations, youth clubs and students from more than 20 area high schools.

Saint Louis Science Center

IFB continues to be a partner with the Saint Louis Science Center's GROW indoor/outdoor agricultural gallery of food from harvest to home.



Don't miss out on Fresh Peaches

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

These delicious peaches are washed, hydro-cooled, graded to U.S. #1 Extra, 2 1/2 inches and up in size, approximately 60 packaged in a 25 lb wax coated fancy box with a lid. They are delivered to our office on Randall Road the morning of pickup in a refrigerated truck for freshness and long lasting quality.

The grower recommends the peaches, which are available in the month of August, for their sweetness and juicy flavor. If you like to make peach pie or cobbler, or you like to can or freeze peaches, now is the time to take advantage of this once a year offer.

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

The price for a 25 lb box is \$43.00 for members and \$40.85 for Plus status members, who always receive a 5% discount. PAYMENT IS DUE WITH ORDER. You can order by filling out the form and sending it in with your check, or call the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 and pay with a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. Pick-up will be Monday, August 16 from 10:00am – 5:30pm at the Farm Bureau office, west side of the building.

Quantity:

_____ \$43.00 /box (members) • \$40.85 (Plus members) • \$45.00/box (Non-members)

Amount Enclosed: _____

Name: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ Member Number: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp Date: ____/____/____ CVV _____

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

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS 4PM Wednesday, August 11

Pick-up is at the Farm Bureau on Monday, August 16 from 10:00a.m. – 5:30p.m.

