

VOL. 81 NO. 6 JUNE 2016

Dairy Breakfast to be held at Drendel Farm

Dale and Linda Drendel are opening their Hampshire farmstead to the general public for a Dairy Breakfast and Farm Tour on Saturday, June 18 from 6 to 11 a.m.

The Drendels offer this unique experience to visit a farm and provide others with a better understanding of the origins of their food, such as dairy products. "This Saturday morning family activity is meant to be enjoyed by all ages," said Dale Drendel. "We welcome visitors and hope they see this as an opportunity to learn more about how we care for our animals and produce fresh and wholesome milk."

When you visit their farm, known as Lindale Holstein Farm, one of the highlights will be watching some of the 150 dairy cows being milked in the milking parlor. The modern parlor accommodates 11 Holstein cows at a time and offers viewers an up-close look at the farm's automation and the transfer of milk from the cow to the bulk tank. Milking demonstrations will occur from 6 to 9 a.m.

The farm visit also offers a tour of the barns to see the young dairy calves, heifers and cows. If you have never milked a cow before you will have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to milk a cow by hand just like farmers used to do many years ago. And, you'll see all aspects of dairy production, from the feed used in their special diets to the care taken by farmers to

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 6 YF BBQ, Biddle Farm; 6:00 pm June 7

KCFB Foundation Annual Meeting, 6:45pm KCFB Annual Meeting, 7:00 pm

Board of Directors, 7:30 pm June 8

Women's Committee, 9:15 am

June 9

IAA Foundation Ag-in-the-Classroom Golf Outing, Pontiac

June 13-17 Summer Ag Institute 1

Dairy Breakfast & Farm Tour, Drendel Farm, Hampshire, 6-11 am

June 23 Women's Committee Luncheon, NIFB, 12:00 pm

June 28-July 1 Summer Ag Institute 2 assure their animals are comfortable and healthy.

Besides the cows, visitors to the farm will see farm equipment used on the dairy and grain farm and get to sit on the seat of a modern tractor, plus participate in a scavenger farm hunt.

Then, to top off the morning, a hearty farm-style breakfast will be served complete with pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cheese, milk, coffee and ice cream, from 6 to 11 a.m.

A donation of \$8 for adults and \$5 for children (5-10 years) will be collected at the farm. The price includes breakfast and the farm visit. Children 4 and under are free. All proceeds go for dairy education in local schools.

The Dairy Breakfast and Farm Tour is being sponsored by dairy farmers from DeKalb and Kane counties.

As livestock caretakers for the past 40 years, Dale and Linda hold themselves accountable to the hundreds of dairy animals on their farm. "We take personal responsibility for feeding and caring for our animals," said Linda, "and providing top quality milk for consumers." They grow corn, soybeans, alfalfa, oats and wheat, much of which is used for dairy feed.

To learn more about the Drendels and the Dairy Breakfast visit their website at: www.lindale holsteins.com. For additional information contact Bill Lenschow, Dairy Breakfast Chairman, 815-895-9690.

Directions: The Drendel Farm address is 15N057 Walker Road, Hampshire, 60140. Dale and Linda Drendel of Hampshire are opening their farmstead to the general public for a dairy breakfast and farm tour on June 18 from 6-11am

dairy breakfast and farm tour on June 18 from 6-11am.

Here's your chance.

Never been

farm before?

the Drendel dairy farm at the dairy breakfast!

The Drendel Farm is located two miles southwest of Hampshire. From Hampshire, go two miles west on Rt. 72; turn left, going south, half mile on Walker Road. From Burlington, go three miles north of Burlington on Walker Road. Look for signs as you near the farmstead.

Linda Drendel poses with one of her calves.



Have you always wanted to tour a farm? Come see

KCFB welcomes new staff member

Kane County Farm Bureau is pleased to welcome a new staff member to our team. KCFB 2015 Summer Intern, Kristi Van Oost recently graduated from Truman State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Science, specializing in Agricultural Business, and with a minor in Equine studies. She is the youngest daughter of Robert and Anne Van Oost of Elgin. Kristi was a former varsity swimmer for the Truman State Swim team, as well as an

active member in Truman's Collegiate Farm Bureau and Sigma Alpha (professional agricultural sorority) chapters.

Growing up in the suburbs, Kristi enjoyed hearing her grandfather tell stories about his life growing up on a farm and enjoyed taking horse riding lessons. In high school she followed up on her farming interest by taking

agriculture classes and participating in FFA activities.

Pursuing a degree in agricultural science was a no brainer for Kristi, and Truman State University offered her the unique opportunity to both swim and study agriculture. Kristi is an Agriculture "AGvocating" enthusiast, who enjoys working with horses, reading a good book, and enjoying the outdoors in her free time.

During her time at Truman,

she gained valuable knowledge about the agricultural industry through classroom and outside experiences. In March of 2015

Kristi had the opportunity to a c c o m p a n y Missouri Farm Bureau on their legislative trip to Washington DC. It was there that she further developed her passion for agricultural communications, and that



Kristi Van Oost

sparked her interest in a career with Farm Bureau. After working as the KCFB summer intern in 2015, Kristi was eager to accept the full time position of Development and Program Coordinator. We are excited to have her on the staff, and know that her knowledge of the inner workings of the agriculture industry and unique set of skills and experiences will be a great addition to the Kane County Farm Bureau team.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 103rd Annual Meeting of the Kane County Farm Bureau will be held at the Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and acting upon reports of officers, board of directors and management for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, and to announce the eight directors elected to serve terms of one, two or three years to represent Districts 1 through 5, as determined by a Resolution of the Board of Directors adopted January 7, 2016, and for transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Michael Kenyon, Secretary

June Featured Product

Marinated Chicken Breast

This month we have marinated chicken breast! Available flavors are: Honey BBQ, Italian, Garlic Romano, Pineapple-Apricot, Honey Mustard and, of course, good old-fashioned plain chicken breast to season as you please! Each box is 5 lbs. and individually vacuum sealed. These are great grilled and paired with your favorite side! Member price is \$25.00, PLUS members \$24.00, and non-members \$29.00. Available at the Kane County Farm Bureau, Randall and Oak Street in St. Charles. We have a limited supply, so stop in soon!

Items sought for county fair raffle & auction

The Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation holds an annual 'FUN'draiser at the county fair each year in the form of a bucket raffle. The Kane County Fair is one of the most widely attended events in the area, drawing over 100,000 people each year.

KCFB Foundation is now seeking donations of items from businesses and individuals all across Kane County that fairgoers can try to win in the bucket raffle. Bucket Raffles are a simple concept – Fairgoers purchase \$1.00 tickets and place them in (continued on page 8)

Seeking ... & selling antique tractors

By Steve Arnold

For the past decade the KCFB Foundation has offered an antique tractor annually as Grand Prize in its Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle. The raffle has become one of the Foundation biggest fundraisers, allowing the not-for-profit to increase the number of annual college scholarships awarded. At last count, the Foundation had exceeded \$400,000 in tuition assistance to local students studying for agriculture related careers, in the form of scholarship and internship awards.

To make the raffle appealing to all ticket buyers, the Foundation decided early on to offer 'alternative' Grand Prizes, a riding lawn mower or cash, to the winner. That's the 'Choice' in the Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle. In 2015 and 2016, we sweetened the deal with multiple antique tractors to choose from. But, with nearly 50% of winners opting for an alternative Grand Prize, we occasionally need to re-sell the raffle Grand Prize and refresh the raffle. Such is the case this year.

Elsewhere in this month's Farmer are pictures and detailed descriptions of the 1947 Farmall Super Ai and the 1953 Farmall Super C tractors that the KCFB Foundation has for sale. We will take the best offer received – on one or the other of the tractors – by the conclusion of the Kane County Fair on July 24. Our intention is to sell only ONE of the tractors, whichever brings the highest price. We hope to retain the second, and acquire an additional antique tractor to add a second option for the 2017 raffle.

Preferably the tractor we acquire will be green, or orange, or yellow, or grey, or ... something other than red. I've nothing against red tractors, mind you (in fact, I've always wanted a nice Farmall 200 if you know where one is), but we think the 2017 auction would have greater appeal with a choice between two makes of tractors. So if you have a nicely restored Allis Chalmers, antique John Fordson, Deere. Minneapolis-Moline, Oliver, Cockshutt, Avery, Massey-Harris, etc. for sale, give me a call. Maybe your tractor can be one of the options for our next Raffle Grand Prize. And if you wish to see the Super A or Super C, just stop by the Farm Bureau during office hours between now and July 24. We'll be happy to run one or both out of the garage for you to have

a closer look.

Also in these pages this month you will see the names of donors who responded to our Foundation's first ever direct mail solicitation that went to some of our members last month. If you've not responded yet, (or if you didn't receive the mailing) there's still time – and if you wish for your contribution to remain anonymous (as many of our donors do) there is a check box on the return form, available at www.kanegives.org, to allow for that.

The KCFB Foundation is working with the Illinois Farm Bureau and a direct mail firm on a pilot program to test member/donor response to fundraising appeals, build resources for our Foundation's Scholarship and agricultural literacy programs and to give county Farm Bureau Foundations like ours a method beyond events and raffles to raise funds. These contributions make a difference in the lives of local students like Will Kuipers, who hopes to return to his family's farm after graduation from college. Like most scholarship recipients, Will sent a note of thanks, which we are sharing with you this month.

KCFB Board Meeting

May 5

The May meeting of the Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. There were two guests in attendance – Michele Aavang, IFB District 1 Director; and Bob Effner, Elgin-St. Charles COUNTRY Agency Manager.

Committee Reports were delivered, including a report on plans for the 2016 Dairy Breakfast at the Drendel Farm, on Saturday, June 18, 2016. The event is open to the public to watch dairy cows being milked, to enjoy a hearty farm breakfast, and to experience the country life at a local dairy farm. Adults \$8, children 5-10 \$5, and children 4 and under free.

Steve Arnold reported that KCFB volunteers are needed to talk with consumers on Saturday, August 6 at Brookfield Zoo as part of the Food for Thought Committee's consumer outreach program. A copy of the IFB 'Future of the Organization' report was circulated and Directors received results of the KCFB FOUNDATION programs including Touch-A-Tractor, Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle and SPROUTS. Arnold presented a mock-up of new Harvest for ALL signs for 2016. Due to fading, damages and cost of replacement for existing 4' x 4' signs, new Harvest for ALL signs will be 18" x 24" aluminum signs.

In the Government Affairs arena, the Board approved a request to become a member of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) coalition. The Coalition, led by the American Farm

Bureau Federation & U.S. Chamber of Commerce is seeking passage of the proposed trade agreement which would eliminate over 18,000 different taxes on "Made in America" exports. VP and County Board member Mike Kenyon reported on the recommendations of the County's Food Hub Feasibility Study and KCFB President and ZBA Chairman Joe White gave a report from the Kane County Zoning Board of Appeals.

Joe White delivered a report for the KCFB FOUNDATION. A Direct Mail appeal to raise money for the FOUNDATION was mailed the week of April 21. Development of a new KCFB FOUNDATION website was donated by Farm Bureau member Ellen Kamps and registration and hosting has been donated by MCC Technology.

FB Manager Steve Arnold delivered the Manager's Report. He reported that Kristi Van Oost would join the KCFB staff on May 16 as the Development & Program Coordinator and that Illinois Association FFA Secretary Susie Thompson would serve as the KCFB & FOUNDATION Summer Intern beginning her duties on June 20.

Correspondence was circulated including: University of Illinois Extension/4H Foundation – thank you for the \$1200 donation to the Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser; Northern Illinois Food Bank, thank you for the Harvest for ALL donation from the Young Farmers; Elgin Community College, Spartan Food Pantry – thank you for the Shopping

~~~~ Master Gardener Help Desk Open ~~~~~

Have questions about plants or gardening? Contact the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Help Desk in Kane County. The Help Desk is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 2pm through September. Call 630-584-6166, email uiemg-kane@illinois.edu, or visit the Master Gardener office at the University of Illinois Extension office at 535 S. Randall Road in St. Charles. For more information, visit the website at http://web.extension.illinois.edu/dkk/kanemg/.

Spree grocery donation of \$660.22; Brad Gorenz, thank you for the President's Scholarship from the KCFB Foundation; Catherine Gorenz, thank you for General Ag Scholarship from the KCFB Foundation; Erik Dunteman, thank you for the General Ag Scholarship from the Kane County Foundation; Cynthia Roberg, thank you for the Heckel-Blickle Scholarship from the KCFB Foundation; State Rep. Bob Pritchard, invite to the May 16 Spring Reception and Food for Greater Elgin, invitation to Pallet to Palate fundraiser, Monday May 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, June 7 at 7:30 pm.



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

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

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

Mr. Joe White, President KCFB FOUNDATION 2N710 Randall Rd St. Charles, Il 60174

William Kuipers Watson Rd Maple Park, IL 60151

Dear Mr. White,

My lifelong dream of attending Southeastern Michigan College is moving forward, thanks to generous education scholarships like yours. Since being named one of the recipients of the Scholarship, my dream is becoming a reality at Southwestern Michigan College. The \$1,000 award gives me an opportunity to learn skills that will serve the agricultural community following graduation. Thank you personally for your generosity. Without scholarship patrons willing to support agricultural education, students such as myself may not be able to pursue agricultural degrees.

Your scholarship will help me earn credentials in Fruit Crops, which requires special training and coursework. My passions for agriculture will help me join the family business. So my decision to specialize in Fruit Crop Management comes from the heart.

Once again, thank you for the vote of confidence and the agricultural school scholarship. I am committed to my education and to agribusiness, and one step closer to becoming a farmer, thanks to your continued generosity and the Kane County Farm Bureau Scholarship.

Sincerely,

### William Kuipers

#### KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2015 THRU SEPTEMBER 2016

|               | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JLY | AUG. | SEP. |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| C. BRADLEY    | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| F. CARLSON    | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     | Χ   |     | Χ   |     |     |     |      |      |
| B. COLLINS    | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| C. COLLINS    |     | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| J. ENGEL      | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| G. GAITSCH    | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| B. GEHRKE     | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| W. KECK       | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| M. KENYON     | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| K. KETTLEKAMP | Χ   | Χ   |     | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| D. LEHRER     | Χ   |     | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| N. LONG       | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| D. PITSTICK   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |     |      |      |
| W. SCHNEIDER  | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |
| J. WHITE      | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   | Χ   |     |     |      |      |

# Kane County Farm Bureau PUBLISHED MONTHLY

Steven J. Arnold, Editor

Suzi Myers, Ag Literacy Coordinator
Audre Pack, Training Specialist
Elizabeth Polovin, Member Services Coordinator
Kristi Van Oost, Development & Program Coordinator
Carolyn Gehrke, Interim Communications Consultant
Valerie Johnson, Administrative & Program Assistant

OFFICE: Randall Rd. between Routes 64 & 38
Address: 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles
PHONE: 630-584-8660
info@kanecfb.com www.kanecfb.com

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-5:00 Monday though Friday (USPS No. 289700)

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Kane County Farmer 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174

Periodical Postage • Paid to St. Charles, IL 60174 Year Subscription: \$2.00

■ DISTRICT 1 Aurora, Sugar Grove, Big Rock Twnshp. Nan Long

11461 E. County Line Rd. Big Rock, IL 60511 815-693-7214

Donna Lehrer 7S027 Jericho Rd. Big Rock, IL 60511 630-556-3476 William Keck

P.O. Box 281
Sugar Grove, IL 60554
630-466-4668
DISTRICT 2

Kaneville, Blackberry, Gen./Bat. Twnshp. Bill Collins 1125 Lewis Rd. Geneva, IL 60134 630-484-6852

Karl Kettelkamp 0S860 Rowe Rd. Elburn, IL 60119 630-365-2713 Joe White President 47W727 Main St. Rd. Elburn, IL 60119 630-557-2517

■ DISTRICT 3 Virgil, Campton, St. Charles Twnshp. Frank Carlson 104 Sumac Court St. Charles, IL 60174 630-513-9980 Chris Collins 1143 Anderson

1143 Anderson Elburn, IL 60119 630-934-4642 Dale Pitstick

128 N Hadsall St. Genoa, IL 60135 630-816-0223 ■ DISTRICT 4

Burlington, Plato Elgin Twnshp. Beth Gehrke 12N860 US Hwy. 20 Elgin. IL 60124

847-697-2538

Mike Kenyon Secretary/Treasurer 1250 E. Main St. South Elgin, IL 60177 847-741-1818

Craig Bradley 37W791 Orchard Lane Elgin, IL 60124 847-888-2380

Hampshire, Rutland, Dundee Twnshp. Joe Engel 516 Sawgrass I n

**■ DISTRICT 5** 

516 Sawgrass Ln. Hampshire, IL 60140 847-347-5561 **Gerald Gaitsch** 

10613 Brittany Ave. Huntley, IL 60142 847-669-2003

Wayne Schneider Vice President 721 Lindsay Lane West Dundee, IL 60118 847-428-0488 me to my feet, supported my arm

with a belt sling and found an ice

bag to help ease the pain on the

special "villagers" have driven

Over the last few weeks, my

long walk to the lodge.

# AG LITERACY (DRNER

By Suzi Myers



It takes a village. I've heard ■ that so many times, but at this point in my life, I'm reminded of it daily.

Why now, you ask? Last fall some of my good friends and I spent a wet and chilly day at Starved Rock. We hiked, ate yummy pot roast and did the trolley tour, it was great day.

We heard about their Mega Hike, a guided hike from one end of the park to another, 13 plus miles and visiting 18 canyons. (Maybe the number 13 should have made me superstitious). All of us love the outdoors, so we signed up for the spring hike.

I trained a bit by walking

longer distances and climbing stairs. We gathered together, drove to the park, got our neon orange shirts, met up with our group, took the tram to the start and our beautiful hike began.

The huge expanse of bluebells, Dutchman britches, jack in the pulpit and many other spring wild flowers were such a delight to see. The waterfalls, creek crossings that cooled us off, and the natural beauty of the park made it a special walk.

Then at about mile nine my "it takes a village" started when I unexpectedly found myself on the ground, thanks to a tree root that caught my foot. Unable to move

# Calling all teachers-register for KCFB's Summer Ag Institutes

Once again, Kane County Farm Bureau has two exciting and educational tours planned for area teachers in June. This is an excellent opportunity to earn college graduate credits from Aurora University, as well as gather lots of lessons to take back to the classroom. Learn through hands-on experience and meet farmers for firsthand knowledge of today's agricultural best practices.

#### Summer Ag Institute 1 is scheduled for June 8-12.

Our very popular summer class is a week-long look at the many different facets of agriculture in Kane County. This is your chance to tour local farms, have time to speak with individual farmers, tour agri-business-

During Kane County Farm

Bureau's annual Spring Program

of Reading & Outreach to

teers have farming experiences

that help students relate to farm

life in America's Heartland.

es, see how agriculture affects your daily life, and network with other teachers. Discuss and become knowledgeable about

me to doctors, tests, work, store

and hospital. Brought me food,

nursed me, consoled me, helped

me with work commitments and

I want to thank my "villagers"

for their support: family, the



During the Summer Ag Institutes, teachers can gather ideas and lessons to take back to the classroom. as well as earn college credit.

GMO's, sustainability, organic practices, and other hot topics. Summer Ag Institute 2 is scheduled for June 23-26, and focuses on our hungry planet.

nature nerds, friends, church, co-

workers, strangers at the park, and

my doctors and nurses. My physi-

cal life changed in a split second,

but to be blessed by such a won-

derful "village" is a blessing

... "every cloud has a silver lining."

Our earth's population will be over 9 billion in 2050. How will we feed our planet? Join our 4 day event focusing on our Hungry Planet. This class is being offered to graduates of any year's SAI I class. This is your chance to visit farms and businesses involved in feeding our hungry planet. Possible sites include a lock and dam site, research lab, ag industries, and food bank.

Please contact Suzi Meyers at 630-584-8660 or aitc@ kanecfb.com for more information about the Summer Ag Institutes or to register.

## **Book of the month**

"How many kinds of milk are there? What does "homogenized" mean? What are curds, anyway? Skim through The Amazing Milk Book for the answers and a whole lot more.

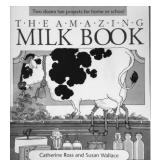
This book shows kids how to do a dozen delightful dairy experiments. You can make milk into invisible ink, glue, and ornaments, and recycle empty milk cartons into toy boats and bird feeders.

You'll learn how cows turn grass into milk, how dairy farmers prepare milk for the market, and why milk is so important to a strong body. You'll meet such big cheeses as Louis Pasteur and the cow blamed for the great Chicago fire.

There are also 11 recipes for marvelous milk munchies: yogurt, cottage cheese, butter, Baked Alaska, leche frita (fried

milk), and homemade ice cream. The Amazing Milk Book is udderly delightful!"

This is a fun book which describes the content of milk, where it comes from, its various uses, and how it gets from cow to carton. It is available for check out at our library- feel free to come in to browse in our libraryand to check out books of interest.



The Amazing Milk Book

by Catherine Ross & Susan Wallace

#### Teachers and Students, or SPROUTS, six Farm Bureau volunteers and two KCFB staff members read the book, Heartland in area third grade classrooms. The book, written by Diane Siebert and illustrated by Wendell Minor of Aurora, gives students a look at life on a farm, from the perspective of the land. Some of the SPROUTS volun-

This year SPROUTS reached 1,650 students in 52 classrooms. Each teacher received a copy of the book "First Peas to the Table" by Susan Grigsby and a set of 30 urban-themed Ag

Mags and follow-up activities to use in the classroom. A memorial fund established

in memory of long-time Farm

Bureau volunteer and former

KCFB Director Bob Konen, and

funded by family and friends, has been designated to fund SPROUTS. Special Thanks to

**SPROUTS** students learn about farming

Alyce Konen, for continued financial support of this legacy to her husband Bob.

Thanks to the following volunteers who made this year's SPROUTS program a success:

Sandy Gould • Beth Gehrke • Barb Konen Jane Ryan • Jan Strauss

Kaneland Reading Specialists (coordinated by Lori Williams)

Thanks to the third grade teachers at these schools for welcoming our SPROUTS volunteers to learn about farming and food.

Rollins School, Aurora Greenman School, Aurora Holy Angels, Aurora Hermes School, Aurora Otter Creek, Elgin Liberty, Carpentersville Hillcrest School, Elgin Sunnydale, Streamwood Bell Graham, St. Charles Wayne Elementary, Wayne

John Stewart Elementary, Elburn Blackberry Creek Elementary, Elburn John Shields Elementary, Sugar Grove McDole Elementary,

A special thanks to Sandy Gould and Jan Strauss for pitching in when needed at Hermes school.

Montgomery





### \$60 helps provide a gallon of milk each week for a year to a hungry family

Help Northern Illinois Food Bank's Milk2MyPlateProgram provide nutritious, fresh milk to hungry families.

Donate at SolveHungerToday.org/Dairy



### Thanks to our Donors!

The KCFB FOUNDATION offers its sincere appreciation to the following for their contributions in response to our April scholarship fundraising appeal. These donations will allow the Foundation to provide funding to more students wishing to pursue higher education for careers in agriculture. As part of our direct-mail fundraising pilot program, a second appeal for resources to improve classroom education about food and farming will follow in the fall. We hope you can continue to give generously.

Names shown are contributions received April 27 through May 15, 2016.

Chris Arnold Donald Benchley Diane Christian Ruth Clemens Donald Damisch Dunteman Grain Farms James Feuerborn John Gehringer Carl & Serina Hauser Charles & Mary Heidgen

Vernon Herrmann

Marcia Konen Arlene Koukol John Kozik Lester & Joyce Landmeier Andrew & Sarah Lenkaitis Anthony Longo Dorothea Marshall Lawrence Metz Kenneth Norris

Robert Houtz

James & Delores O'Connell Darrin & Linda Ott Gennaro & Stella Raimondi Mary Scheffres Ambrose Seyller Stanley Skirmont Darren Sloniger Marjorie Spellmeyer Beverly Tasche Shirley Wirsing



### farmdirect**BLACKANGUS.**com

100% hormone free beef.

Selling individual cuts. Buy as little or as much as you want.

815.895.4691

Mark & Linda Schramer, Owners 8N840 Lakin Road, Maple Park



# KCFB Foundation scholarship recipients

he Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation will award over \$16,000 in scholarships this year to 16 high school and college students. The Kane County Farm Bureau established the Foundation in 1989 to carry out charitable work in the advancement of agricultural literacy and prepare students for careers in the agriculture industry. Since then it has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships and internships.

Four scholarship recipients are not listed below and were profiled in our May issue. They are Brad Gorenz of Maple Park (President's Scholarship), Luke Dunteman of Elburn (John Buck Memorial Scholarship), Susie Thompson of Maple Park (Chuck Swanson Memorial Scholarship) and Cynthia Roberg of St. Charles (Mary L. Heckel-Blickle Memorial Scholarship).

The following students were selected to receive \$1,000 KCFB Foundation Scholarships. Congratulations to these future ag industry leaders.



A junior at the University Illinois, Brenton Bartelt gained his appreciation for agriculture by help-

ing his grandparents and uncle on their grain and dairy farm. Brenton is majoring in Technical Systems Management and minoring in Crop Sciences. He is active in Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, Illini Dairy club, ag mechanization club, the Illini Navigators Bible study, and the UIUC club golf team. He has also participated on numerous mission trips and is the sound technician for his home church. Brenton hopes to work directly with farmers and others in the agricultural industry, and help improve their day to day life. Brenton's parents are Jonathan and Kristine Bartelt of Carpentersville.



Erik Dunteman grew up on a family grain farm, where he was actively involved in the operation. He is currently

a sophomore at Iowa State University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He is an undergraduate research assistant, holds numerous positions within Farm-House Fraternity, is a member of ISUHyperlook Engineering Design Team, has been named to the Dean's List, and part of several other organizations. Erik's dream job is to be an international entrepreneur who engineers agricultural solutions centered around increased productivity with decreased impact on the world's depleting soil, air, and water resources. Erik's parents are William and Kari Dunteman of Big Rock.



Iowa State University junior Lauren Dunteman's agricultural experience includes caring for

livestock on her family's farm and doing field work and bookkeeping. She is majoring in Biology, and will have an internship with Cargill in Eddyville, Iowa this summer. During her internship, she will use chemistry to convert corn into value added products such as corn starch and corn syrup. Lauren is currently part of a research team on campus where she is responsible for studying the movement of cancer cells through the bloodstream in order to better understand metastasis. In addition to this, Lauren is an undergraduate teaching assistant, supplemental instructor for a chemistry course, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and the ISU honors program, and has been named to the Dean's List every semester. Her parents are William and Kari Dunteman of Big Rock.



**Grace Fabrizius** is a senior at Northern Illinois University majoring in Environmental Health. Her agricultural experience comes from

growing up on a horse and dairy farm, and being involved in FFA in high school. Grace would like to have a career that allows her to conduct research in finding solutions to the problems agricultural runoff causes to many sustainable resources. She previously studied both Kishwaukee Waubonsee Community Colleges. Grace's parents are Gerard and Judy Fabrizius of Maple Park.



Erin Gaitsch will be a freshman this fall at Briar Cliff University, where she will major in Math,

Accounting, or Finance. Erin's agricultural experiences come from assisting in numerous capacities on her family farm, where her favorite task was working at the farm stand. She chose her major based on her enjoyment of high school math classes and her first job working for a CPA. In the future, Erin hopes to improve the financial stability and effectiveness of her family farm by taking over the finance and bookkeeping. In addition, she would like to work in the finance or accounting department for an agricultural company. Erin is involved in numerous activities at Huntley High School, including math team, link crew, National Honor Society, and varsity soccer. She is the daughter of Gerald and Cynthia Gaitsch.



Not being able to imagine herself in any industry other than agriculture led Catherine Gorenz to select

her major in Agricultural Communications. She is from Maple Park and will be a freshman this fall at Waubonsee Community College. Catherine grew up helping take care of her family's livestock and also spent a lot of time with her horses. Being involved in agriculture has taught her that success requires hard work and passion. She has been active in FFA and 4-H, having served as the secretary and reporter for Kaneland High School's FFA, and president, vice-president, treasurer, and photographer for her 4-H club. Catherine is the daughter of Edward and Anne Gorenz.



Vanessa Gould will be a freshman at the University of Illinois this fall, majoring in Animal Sciences. She has

been active in 4-H, FFA, varsity basketball, student council, and the national honor society. Vanessa chose her major because of her strong love for animals and appreciation for the atmosphere of the agricultural community. She hopes to pursue a career in animal ecology or zoology, and would like to learn more about protecting endangered species and their environments. Vanessa also would like to spend several years traveling and gaining experience to eventually become an educator in those areas. She is the daughter of Chris and Dana Gould.



Growing up on a family farm gave Erin Kettelkamp a passion and respect for the agriculture industry. She is a

senior at the University of Illinois majoring in Animal Sciences. Erin intends to attend veterinary school and become a large animal vet. Her goal is to be a large animal vet with whom local farmers can establish a relationship, and hopes to help educate producers about how they can become better farm managers within biosecurity and efficient feeding solutions. Erin is active in Collegiate Farm Bureau, pre-vet club, 4-H House sorority, and the UIUC horse judging team. She is the daughter of Karl and Julie Kettelkamp of Elburn.



William Kuipers' experiences working for his family's business, Kuipers Family Farm, inspired

him to attend Southwestern Michigan College this fall to study Fruit Production. He has gained a wide variety of experiences while working for his family's farm, including operating equipment, pruning fruit trees, and providing customer service.

After college, William intends to return to the family farm. William has been active in FFA, cross country, and track while in high school. He is the son of Wade and Kimberly Kuipers.



Alicia Sunderlage attends Southern Illinois University majoring Agricultural Education. She was

very active in FFA during high school, and is now a member of SIU Collegiate FFA. Alicia's agricultural experience includes working on a horse farm, where her responsibilities included baling hay and maintaining fences. She looks forward to using her degree and knowledge about farming to educate others about their food and the agriculture industry. Alicia is the daughter of Gordon and Jean Sunderlage of Hampshire.



Allison **Steininger** is a sophomore at Iowa State University majoring in Animal Science. Working

with cattle was always Allison's favorite part of working on the farm, and she has her own herd of mostly Red Angus cattle. She plans to continue raising Red Angus cattle and hopes to eventually make it her primary source of income. Until then, her goal is to work in the animal nutrition field. Allison was formerly involved in both FFA and 4-H, and is currently on the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Her parents are Ken and Wanda Steininger.



Hannah Weirich Hinckley is a freshman at Kansas State University, where she majors in

Agricultural Education. Growing up, Hannah was exposed to agriculture by living on a non-production farm with poultry and a vegetable garden, and through Agriculture in the Classroom and 4-H. In high school, she was involved in FFA, and earned her state FFA degree. At Kansas State, she is an officer for the agricultural education club, a university education council representative, and a university CTE ambassador. She was also selected to attend the Agriculture Future of America conference. Hannah's career goal is to become an agricultural education teacher, through which she hopes help create the leaders and agriculturalists of tomorrow. Eventually, Hannah hopes to obtain a master's degree while she is professionally employed. Hannah's parents are Michael and Joanne Weirich.

### Helping you protect what matters most





**Bob Effner** St. Charles - Elgin Agency Manager St. Charles 630-584-0001



Bobbi **Boston** St. Charles 630-485-5155



Keith **Eakins** St. Charles 630-762-1324



Todd Wilcox St. Charles 630-762-1326



Donna **Tonovitz** St. Charles 630-549-7694



Orazio Difruscolo St. Charles 630-549-7696



**Ashraf** Gerges Aurora 630-898-3750

**Edward** 



Stuehm 630-845-8245



Rowena Ortac Geneva 630-262-1059



Paima Chitambo Geneva 630-262-1059



Steve Spoerl, Jr. Geneva 630-262-1059



Elvia Estrada Geneva 630-262-1059



Joseph Lynam Geneva 630-262-1059



Michael O'Brien Geneva 630-762-0852



S. Elgin 847-888-3200

Bob

Luke



**Fawkes** Elgin 847-742-0001



Gonzalez Elgin 847-742-0001

Jonathan



Sherry Lochen Elgin 847-742-0001



Sherri Schramer Elburn 630-365-9500



**Dominick** Davero Elburn 630-365-3737



Bob Riedel West Dundee 847-428-5434



Gary Bolger West Dundee 847-531-6110



Dan Cooper Sugar Grove 630-466-9600



Sonny Ellen Sugar Grove 630-466-9600



Ted Schuster Sugar Grove 630-466-9600



Josh Austin Hampshire 847-683-2100



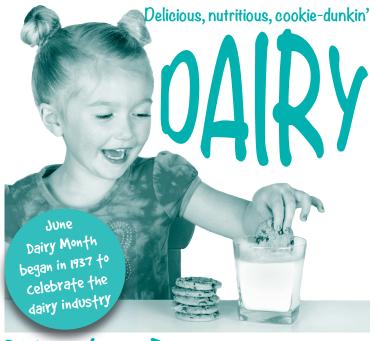
Chuck Quick Hampshire 847-683-2100



David Murray Montgomery 630-897-2364

0316-556HO

# Farm Facts & Fun



## Did you know?

City/State/Zip

Telephone

Whether it is labeled "antibiotic-free" or not, all milk sold at grocery stores is antibiotic free!

Antibiotics are used on many farms to treat infections. If a cow is producing milk when she is treated with antibiotics, her milk is collected separately and discarded. The tank truck driver tests the milk at each farm before pumping the milk from the cooling tank to the truck. Each truck of milk in the US is also tested for antibiotic residues. If any milk does not pass the tests, it is discarded, and regulatory action is taken against the farm with the positive antibiotic test.

Dairy farmers are not paid for their milk if it is discarded, so they are very careful to ensure that the milk from cows treated with antibiotics does not mix with the rest of the milk. Dairies work hard to ensure quality control measures are in place (i.e. separate pens, testing the milk of a cow that was treated and ensuring the antibiotic test is negative before allowing the milk back into the system) to guarantee antibiotic-free milk.

Bottom line – you never have to worry that milk not labeled antibiotic-free has antibiotics in it!

When is the best time to milk a cow? WHEN SHE IS IN THE MOO-D
How many glasses of cold milk can you drink on an empty stomach?
ONLY ONE (after that your stomach is not empty)
What cuts lawns and gives 100 glasses of milk a day?
A LAWN MOO-ER

What do you get when you cross a cow with an earthquake? A MILK SHAKE

### The journey of milk

- It all begins on the farm from healthy and well fed cows, the sun, and grain.
- 2. Dairy farmers work with veterinarians to ensure the cows are properly cared for.
- Dairy facilities are inspected and regulated for sanitation and contamination prevention.
- **4.** The cows are milked and the milk is cooled to at least 45°F.
- 5. The tank truck driver tests the milk at each farm before pumping the milk from the cooling tank to the truck.
- 6. The milk is transported from the farm to the dairy plant. Transportation equipment and practices are regularly inspected to ensure the safety

Cows eat 90 pounds of food and drink 25-50 gallons of water each day.

### June is:

### National

Dairy Month
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month
Iced Tea Month
Recycling Month
Great Outdoors Month
Family Month

Doughnut Day June 3 Cheese Day June 4 Strawberry-Rhubarb Pie Day June 9 Iced Tea Day June 10 Strawberry Shortcake Day June 14 Eat All Your Veggies Day June 17 International Picnic Day June 18 Onion Rings Day June 22 Chocolate Pudding Day June 26

Age

- and quality of milk shipped from the farms.
- Every truck of milk is tested for antibiotic residues, and may be randomly sampled for bacteria and somatic cell levels.
- Government officials regularly inspect dairy processing plants to ensure compliance with strict sanitation requirements.
- Raw milk is pasteurized to kill potential pathogens, and then homogenized to prevent cream from rising to the top of the milk.
- Machines fill and label all different sizes and shapes of milk jugs and cartons.
- ... Packaging operations are

- inspected to ensure product safety and quality, and are subject to random testing.
- **12.** The finished milk products are then picked up by refrigerated trucks and delivered.
- I3. Transportation equipment used to ship finished products is inspected for product safety and quality.
- 14. Dairy case temperatures are monitored to ensure product quality. Products are also subject to random testing.
- 15. These steps show that a combination of dedicated farmers, processing facilities, and government regulations ensure safe, wholesome, and high quality dairy products!

# Milk z My Plate program

Since dairy product donations to the food banks were infrequent and milk so important to the health of patrons, in October of 2012, the Northern Illinois Food Bank in partnership with Prairie Farms/Muller-Pinehurst Dairy launched the Milk 2 My Plate Program. With funding from the National Dairy Council to provide refrigeration to three pantries, and a grant from Forward DuPage, the program began.

Cost is a barrier that often keeps low-income households and food pantries from purchasing fresh milk, and donations have traditionally been hard to come by because milk is heavily regulated and has a short shelf life. To overcome these challenges, Northern Illinois Food Bank forged a partnership with a local dairy cooperative to provide participating pantries with a weekly supply of fresh milk. Established in 2012, the program now distributes 10,000 gallons of milk monthly, allowing neighbors in need to take home milk that is as fresh, or fresher, than what would be found in the store.

Kane County Farm Bureau supports this program through donations made to the Harvest for All Program. You too can contribute by joining in the program to help feed families in need.

### Congratulations

**Jacob Long,** chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's "salad themed" word search. For his participation, he received a Veggetti spiral vegetable cutter and a rooster-shaped bamboo serving board, complements of Kane County Farm Bureau. Thank you, Jacob, for reading the *Kane County Farmer* and continue to watch each month for a chance to win a prize!

## Dairy



Email

Please complete and return to the Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174

by June 15, 2016 to be entered in our drawing for a prize of dairy-related items.

DAIRY COWS Milk comes from different breeds of dairy cows. Each breed is a different color. Trace the letters that spell each breed's name, and color the cows K II Guernsey Jersev (gurn-zee) (jer-zee) light brown Brown Swiss Avrshire (air-shur) brown or silver-grey white with red-brown patches red, white, Dairy Council oistein or red-and-white (say hole-steen) black-and-white

# Tractors offered by Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation

To make room for the 2017 Winner's Choice Tractor Raffle, he KCFB Foundation is offering one of these two tractors for sale. The best offer received – on one or the other of the tractors – by the conclusion of the Kane County Fair on July 24, will be accepted. The Foundation is also seeking a nicely restored antique tractor to purchase as a Grand Prize option in the 2017 Raffle. To place a bid for either of these tractors, or offer a tractor for sale, contact Steve Arnold at 630 584-8660 or steve@kanecfb.com.

1953 Farmall Super C, Serial Number 168154 with 2 point hitch, drawbar, fenders,



# Ladies, you are invited!

Want to learn something new? Are you willing to try some delicious food and meet a few new friends along the way?

The Kane County Farm Bureau Women's Committee invites all the female KCFB members to a luncheon on Thursday, June 23 at the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The event will feature retired educator and local beekeeper, Harry Patterson.

Learn about pollinators and the important role they play in our environment. A delicious lunch will be served and catered by Reuland's Food Service. The menu will include select food items which needed to be pollinated in order to grow.

There is a small cost of \$10/person but will be worth every penny. Registration will begin at 11:30 am and lunch will be served at 12pm. Please RSVP by June 7 to the Farm Bureau (630) 584-8660. Reservations are required.

### Did you know? ...

- Most pollinators (about 200,000 species) are insects such as flies, beetles, wasps, ants, butterflies, moths, and bees.
- About 1,000 of all pollinators are vertebrates such as birds, bats, and small mammals
- June 20-26, 2016 is National Pollinator Week
- You can learn more facts about the importance of pollinators at the Women's Committee Luncheon,

pump checked, radiator cleaned, replaced rings, bearings and resurfaced guideliners. New tires and tubes all around.

ground and head and water

1947 Farmall Super Ai

(Industrial) This tractor was purchased as an older restoration. Has new rear tires, new seat and new steering wheel. Comes with a 5' Woods belly mower.

## = 2000 = 1000HICH ONUTION HOIT

By Val Johnson



recently took a trip to LChicago and went to a fine dining eating establishment. Our waiter greeted us, went through the specials, his main selling point was that all of the food they served was either grown or raised on local farms. The restaurant was busy and it seemed that the people who were there really wanted to know where their food comes

Learning where the food you eat comes from was one of the reasons that moms decided to attend the City Mom tours. Moms, including myself, make food purchasing decisions for their growing families on a regular basis.

Food tastes different depending on how it is raised or grown. The best pork chop I've ever eaten came from a locally raised 4-H pig. The taste was so different from the pork chops I was used to. I later discovered that the 4-H member who cared for the animal took it for regular walks to prepare it for showing.

There is a great need for larger farms which produce food at lower costs using less space and energy too. Farmers can still take good care of their animals in this setting. I experienced this first hand on my tours as well.

It doesn't matter whether it is dairy, produce, honey, or meat, having the opportunity to know your farmer is best. Ask him or her questions and bring up your concerns. Happy animals produce better food, and local farms produce the freshest produce. I hope to see you at the Farmers Markets this summer!

# Take advantage of FB member discounts for summer vacation

**Choice Hotels** 

To receive discount, reservations must be made at participating hotels by visiting ChoiceHotels.com or calling 800.258.2847, using the applicable discount code for Farm Bureau members. Rate is subject to availability.

### Wyndham Hotel Group

Save up to 20% off the Best Available Rate at over 7,600 hotels worldwide. Call 1-877-670-7088 for Wyndham Hotel's advance reservations or visit online booking. The offer is not valid if hotel is called directly caller must use toll free numbers listed above. Call Kane County Farm Bureau to receive the discount code.

### Up To 25% Off Car Rentals

Whether you're working or on a family vacation, it's easy to rent

a car for your travels...and your Illinois Farm Bureau membership makes it affordable, too. Save up to 25% on sports cars, luxury sedans, SUVs and other exciting and practical rentals from four of the nation's top companies. Participating companies include Enterprise, Alamo, National, and Hertz. Visit http:// www.ilfb.org/get-involved/ membership-benefits/travel-benefits/carrental.aspx for detailed information on how to take advantage of these discounts.

### **Six Flags Member Discount**

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

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

### **Great Wolf Lodge**

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



### Recycle Scrap for CASH

Steel, Copper, Aluminum & Cars

**Trucking & Dumpster Service Available** 

"Helping to keep America Picked up for 45 years"

Zimmerman Recycling, Inc. 301 Industrial Drive, DeKalb (815)756.8600

### Renewing your FB membership is now easier - online

The Illinois Farm Bureau provides many services to all Kane County Farm Bureau members. Renewing your membership online is another service they offer through their website. Did you know that you can renew your Farm Bureau membership, view payment history, print a lost membership card, and update account information including address, spouse/dependents, phone online all through the Member Center of the website? To do this, simply visit www.ilfb.org. Click on the Get Involved menu, and then Membership Benefits. You will then be asked to register using your Farm Bureau number and create a website username and password. The ability to check your membership information anytime online can help prevent unwanted Farm Bureau membership late fees, and avoid loss of COUNTRY insurance coverage.





# What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

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

DONNA TONOVITZ has been named the Financial Representative of the Month for April 2016 in the St. Charles/ Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. You may contact Donna at her office, 1118 E. Main St., Ste. 1A, St. Charles or: 630-549-7694, donna.tonovitz@country financial, countryfinancial.com/

donna.tonovitz. Congratulations, Donna!

#### Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, **Agency Manager**

Zach Fox, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for April, 2016. 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.

### **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 Felipe Rocha



N. Lake Street, Aurora. As a token of our appreciation,

Felipe receives two tickets to Charlestowne Movie Theater. Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations on your success!

### Shopping for a new car/truck?

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

The Ford Bonus Cash offer is good on the purchase or lease of an eligible 2015/2016/2017 model year Ford vehicle. In addition, Farm Bureau members get \$750 Bonus Cash toward the purchase or lease of any eligible intelligently designed 2015/ 2016/2017 Lincoln vehicle.

You must be an IFB member at least 30 consecutive days before the vehicle purchase or

lease. Then, show your Illinois Farm Bureau Membership Card and Ford/Lincoln Bonus Cash ecertificate to your local dealer. Get your e-certificate online at www.fordspecialoffer.com/farmbureau/il or with the help of your dealer.

Some vehicles are excluded. For complete details about this offer, contact Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 or visit www.kanecfb.com and click on member benefits.



# **Farmers: Nutrient Loss Testing**

The DeKalb County SWCD office will perform water testing on the water sample collection dates bellow. The water testing is offered by DeKalb and LaSalle County SWCD offices and the Kane County Farm Bureau.

June 21 & 28, July 5, August 2, 23 & 30, September 20 & 27 and October 18 & 25.

For more information and with any questions, contact Dean Johnson at 815-756-3234, ext. 3.

Zach's professionalism and vast knowledge of auto, home,

life, commercial and financial products make him a great per-

# MOMEN'S (OANER

By Louise Johnson Women's Committee Chair

There are still seats left at our June 23rd "Picnic With The Pollinators" Luncheon, featuring Beekeeper Harry Patterson. He is a beekeeper, a past Kane County Teacher of the Year, a tennis coach who received Hall of Fame honors, and a "Mr. Wizard" presenter. He has given short presentations about the importance of bees to fourth graders at our annual Ag Days,

and he has given a beekeeping seminar to teachers at our Teachers' Institute. Come enjoy a catered meal with a very interesting speaker. Call the Farm Bureau to reserve your spot!

In keeping with the theme of beekeeping and honey, here is a delicious appetizer, featuring honey, from my friend, Jeanne M.

Sausage Rolls with a **Sweet, Nutty Glaze** 

son to do business with. Congratulations, Zach!

1 8-oz tube of crescent rolls 24 miniature smoked sausages

1/2 c. butter

1/2 c. pecans, chopped

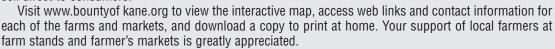
3 T. honey

3 T. brown sugar

Preheat oven to 400°. Unroll dough and separate into triangles. Cut each triangle lengthwise into 3 triangles. Place a sausage on the wider end of a triangle and roll it up tightly. Set aside. Combine the remaining ingredients and pour into an 8inch square baking pan. Arrange the sausage rolls seam-side down in the butter mixture. Bake uncovered for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm or cold.

## Farm Fresh and Locally Grown

As the summer months begin, Kane County growers have a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables to offer you and your family, both at local roadside stands and at Farmer's Markets. KCFB's newly revised Bounty of Kane directory lists farmer's markets throughout the county and features a quick reference map and contact information for 38 farms that sell direct to consumers.



'We're all about supporting our local farmers and businesses here in East Dundee," said Village President Lael Miller. "The markets allow folks to come for a stroll, take in the various vendors and just relax for a few hours. Our focus for the Farmers Market is to support good, quality farmers and vendors that have an ability to offer a nice variety of locally-grown products and services that are food-related."

#### **Aurora Farmer's Markets** 630-264-INFO (4636)

Downtown - Aurora Transportation

233 N. Broadway (Route 25) Saturdays, June 11 - October 15, 8am-Noon

Market West - West Aurora Shopping

1901 W. Galena Blvd. at Edgelawn Wednesdays, July 6 - September 28, Noon-5pm

Market East – Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church 701 E. Eola Rd.

Tuesdays, July 7 - August 25, 10am-

### **Batavia Farmer's Market**

N River Street (between Wilson & State Street)

Saturdays, June 4 - Oct. 22, 8am-Noon 630-761-3528

#### **Downtown Elgin Harvest Market** 200 North Grove Ave. (Old Library Parking Lot)

Thursdays, June 2 - Oct. 6, 9am-2pm 847-488-1456

### East Dundee Farmer's Market

319 North River Street-The Depot Sundays, May 8 - Sept. 25, 9am-1pm 224-293-7101

### **Geneva French Market**

Metra Parking Lot NW corner of South St. & 4th St. Sundays, April 17 - Nov. 13, 9am-2pm 724-800-0102

### **Geneva Farmers Market**

Exchange Street Parking Lot Thursdays, June 9 - Oct. 20, 7:30am-1pm 847-501-0430

#### **Community Winter Market** 327 Hamilton Street

Saturdays, Nov. 1 -May 15, 9am-1pm 847-501-0430

### **Dundee Depot Market**

319 N. River St., East Dundee Saturdays, May 7 - Oct. 29, 8am-2pm 847-426-4307

#### St. Charles Farmer's Market Baker Memorial UMC, 4th Avenue &

Route 64 (outdoor) Fridays, June 3 - Oct. 28, 7am-1pm 630-584-6680

### **Sugar Grove Farmers Market**

Sugar Grove Village Hall, 923 Spruce

Saturdays, June 4 - Sept. 24, 8am-12pm 630-466-1014



Iron & Sulphur Filters **Drinking Water Systems** Sales-Rentals-Service All Makes

Kane County Farm Bureau members receive 10% discount on all service work.

FACTORY DIRECT PRICES

FIX - NO CHARGE \*\*\*\*\*





www.johnsonwater.com

# CLASSIFIED ADS

### **CLASSIFIED AD RATES**

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

### **FOR SALE**

Alfalfa grass hay - large 3x3x8 and 3x4x8 bales - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd cuttings. Nutrient content available upon request. Call: 847-436-2538

Portable Hutchinson Drive Over Grain Pit, 4 years old, \$8,500. Call: 847 436 2538

Case Tractor with 3 pt hitch; Ferguson Tractor with 3 pt hitch & bucket; Post hole digger; Box Mower. Call: 847 464 1906

### **SERVICES**

Jim Verhaeghe & Sons, Inc. -Tree removal, tree trimming, & stump grinding. Backhoe work & Tile Lines. Fully insured - Free Estimates – Jim Verhaeghe Sr. Call: 847 334 5730

Tree Pruning & Removal in North/Central Kane & Dupage Counties - www.ArborJoe.com -ISA Certifed Arborist Joe. Call: 224 789 8773

Farm site demolition & clean up. New horse barns with underground utilities and earthwork. Drainage tiles, pasture mowing, spraying, new seeding, inter seeding & fence installation. We follow SIU Plant & Soil Science Practices. 10% discount for Farm Bureau members, 5% if you mention this add! Berning Earthwork Inc., Tom Berning 630-330-9970, BerningEarthWorks@comcast. net; Galusha Farms, Steve Berning, 630-878-6350, steve@ GalushaFarm.com. Call: 630-330-9970

I will relocate Honey Bee Swarms to my orchard for free. I also will take a look at nuisance Honey Bees that you want to relocate. Help protect these pollinators who are so important for all crops. Call or Text 847 274 7773

### **WANTED**

Will pick up for free unwanted or old snowmobiles. - Weed mowing bobcat work deliveries of black dirt/topsoil, sand, lime stone, gravel, or anything else you need hauled in or out sod and seeding call Jon @ J.P. Rippinger Call: 630-254-9446

Want to buy vintage & used tools Call Chris, 630 550 7182

Help Wanted: CDL truck driver for dump truck & lowboy, Elburn. Call: 630 232 6223

Person for part-time flexible field mowing, tree cutting, miscellaneous, LaFox area - equipment provided Call: 630 232 6223

### **Raffle items**

(continued from page 1)

the bucket of the prize(s) they hope to win (antiques, gifts, merchandise, crafts, etc.). The names of donors is displayed at the fair for all to see. Higher

value items are set aside for a 5 day Silent Auction at the Fair. In addition to the raffle and silent auction, the KCFB display includes farm animals, agricultural displays and fun activities for kids and adults.

All proceeds raised by the



Did you discover interesting antiques during your annual spring clean-out? Have antiques or specialty craft items? Consider donating to the KCFB FOUNDATION raffle and Auction at the Kane County Fair! Items often consist of antique pieces, craft items, framed artwork, and collectors' items. All of the funds from the raffle and auction go towards the foundation's scholarship and internship programs, which help students, pursue higher education in the field of agriculture.

- 1. Jerod Peters placed the winning bid on various silent auction items at the 2015 fair, including this framed Teeple Barn print.
- 2. Kane County fair-goers enjoy looking at the large display of raffle items.
- 3. Framed artwork is always a big hit at the silent auction bidders.
- 4. This rocking cow was donated by KCFB member Dave Klussendorf of Batavia and auctioned off in the 2015 bucket raffle.

GRICULTURE

in the Classrooms

# **IAA Foundation Golf Outing**

Golfers are invited to join the largest golf outing that benefits agriculture in the state of Illinois. The 20th annual Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) Golf Outing, hosted by the IAA Foundation, will take place June 9, 2016, at the Elks

Country Club Wolf and Golf Creek Club Pontiac.

Driving

ranges open at 9:00 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. at the Elks and 10:30 a.m. at Wolf Creek, for this scramble-style tournament. The first 200 participants will receive a unique golfer gift and all participants will compete for a number of great prizes and ultimate bragging rights. A social hour, auction and steak dinner, sponsored by COUNTRY Financial, will round out the evening.

The registration fee is \$140 per golfer, or \$560 per foursome. Those interested in attending the banquet only may register for \$50. New this year is the "FAST PASS" where, for only \$30, golfers gain access to all on-course contests, including

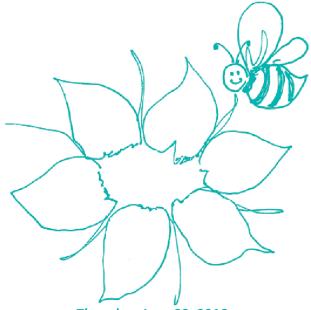
the popular golf ball launcher.

Online registration FOUNDATION now available

on the IAA Foundation website www.iaa foundation.org or by calling the Foundation office at 309-557-2230.

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom is the top funding priority of the IAA Foundation, the charitable foundation of the Illinois Farm Bureau® which funds educational, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and ag.

The KCFB Women's Committee invites you to a ladies luncheon "A Picnic with the Pollinators"



Thursday, June 23, 2016 Northern Illinois Food Bank featuring local beekeeper, Harry Patterson.

Registration starts at 11:30am, lunch served at 12 pm

Please RSVP by June 7 Cost: \$10/person, payable to KCFB

#### KANE COUNTY FARMER

bucket raffle and silent auction go towards KCFB Foundation's to the FOOD>Forward effort to increase local scholarships and Ag-in-the-Classroom activities. By donating an item businesses and individuals can receive FOOD>Forward yard signs

and/or window clings to show the community their support of local agricultural education efforts. For 2016, the Foundation awarded over \$16,000 in scholarships for college students pursuing careers in agriculture.

If you are interested in pro-

viding support for this year's bucket raffle and silent auction, or you know of a business or individual that might have an interest donating, please contact the KCFB office at (630) 584-8660 or feel free to stop by our office with your item(s)!

# Raise scholarship funds at the John Buck Memorial Golf Outing

The 16th Annual John Buck Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, July 6 at Crystal Woods Golf Club in Woodstock. For details and to register, contact Sandy at info@buckbrosinc.com or 847-683-4440. Space is limited, so call early to make reservations.

All proceeds benefit the John Buck Scholarship fund, which is distributed to the Kane

County Farm Bureau FOUN-DATION, as well as scholarship programs of the the Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Northwest Golf Course Superintendents Association.

The KCFB FOUNDATION John Buck Memorial Scholarship, funded through the golf outing, is awarded annually to student(s) seeking higher

education in agriculture related fields. For 2016, Luke Dunteman of Elburn was awarded the \$1000 John Buck Memorial Scholarship administered by the KCFB Foundation.

#### **CONNECT WITH US**







# Farm Bureau campaigns for Trans Pacific Partnership passage

At their May meeting, the KCFB Board of Directors voted to join a coalition supporting passage of the Trans Pacific Partnership. The Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a trade agreement between the U.S. and eleven other Pacific Rim countries making up 40 percent of the global economy.

The American Farm Bureau Federation estimates that annual net farm income will increase by \$4.4 billion, driven by an increase of direct U.S. agricultural exports of \$5.3 billion per year upon full implementation of the TPP agreement, as compared to a scenario in which the U.S. fails to pass the agreement while the remaining member countries proceed apace.

The TPP agreement is expected to increase cash receipts and net exports from Illinois by \$281.1 million and \$127.4 million per year respectively. Increased marketing opportunities for Illinois's farmers are expected to add more than 960 jobs to the Illinois economy. Eliminating tariffs and other trade barriers on Illinois's agricultural exports to TPP-partner countries will increase trade for a range of Illinois agricultural products, including pork, soybeans, beef and processed foods. Export sales make an important contribution to Illinois's farm economy, which had total cash

receipts of \$19.6 billion in 2014 Illinois Farm Bureau and Kane County Farm Bureau signed a U.S. Coalition for TPP support letter to Congress last month. The letter is meant to showcase broad agricultural and business support for TPP at the state and local level. While there's no indication that either the Senate Finance Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee will begin hearings on the trade deal before Congress adjourns in mid-July for conventions and August recess and despite the political head winds, Farm Bureau will push for a vote on TPP before the 114th Congress adjourns.



# & Farm Tour

Saturday, June 18, 2016 6 - 11 a.m.

**Dale & Linda Drendel Farm** 15N057 Walker Rd. Hampshire, IL

See dairy cows being milked, enjoy a hearty farm breakfast and experience the country life at a local dairy farm.

### **Breakfast**

Pancakes, Sausage, Applesauce, Cheese, Milk, Coffee and Ice Cream

The Drendel Farm is located two miles west of Hampshire.

From Sycamore, go north on Rt. 23, travel east on Plank Road for 7 miles until you reach Burlington. Turn left, going north, on Burlington Rd./Walker Rd., for 21/2 miles.

From Genoa, go east on Rt. 72 for 61/2 miles until you come to Walker Road. Turn right, going south on Walker Road for 1/2 mile.

From Hampshire, go 2 miles west on Rt. 72, turn left going south 1/2 mile on Walker Road.

From Burlington, go 3 miles north on Walker Road.

Look for signs as you near the farmstead.

### **Activities**

### <u>6 - 9 a.m.</u>

- Watch dairy cows being milked in a modern parlor

### <u>6 - 11 a.m.</u>

- Breakfast
- Activities for the whole family including milk a cow, sit on a tractor, scavenger hunt, and photo booth.

### **Donation**

(Includes breakfast and all activities)

Children 5 - 10 . . . . . . . . . \$5 Children 4 & under ... FREE

**Plenty of Free Parking Handicapped Parking Available** 

The Dairy Breakfast and Farm Tour is being sponsored by Dairy Farmers from DeKalb & Kane Counties

For more information contact Dairy Breakfast Chairman Bill Lenschow, 815/895-9690