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Farm Bureau leaders gather to celebrate success, honor past

Over 100 past, current, and future KCFB leaders gathered on the lawn at the Kane County Farm Bureau on October 13th. The farmers attending interrupted their harvests briefly to celebrate recent organizational accomplishments and to honor past contributors to the association's successes over its 110 year history.

In a brief program following the serving of a BBQ dinner in a tent on the lawn at the Farm Bureau, KCFB President Joe White of Kaneville welcomed guests to the event. The program was designed to celebrate the past, look forward to the future, and to

conclude with the drawing of a winner in the KCFB Foundation's annual Vintage Truck Raffle. Both the raffle, and the drive-thru Fay's BBQ on October 13, were activities that help raise funds for the Foundation's annual college scholarship programs and for its support of agricultural literacy efforts in Kane County.

White first introduced KCFB Manager Steve Arnold to talk about recent successes the association wished to recognize publicly, including the construction of an ILLINOIS Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden with the assistance of over 170 volunteers in early September, and the construction and erection of a Little Lending Library for free use by the public that was placed on the Farm Bureau parking lot under a windmill. Arnold thanked IPPRG major

donors the Illinois Farm Bureau, KCFB Foundation and ComEd as well as Micheal Wurtz. He also recognized guests Stan Schumacher, Melissa Wheeler, Rob Linke

The "ceremony" also recognized six farmers who have served Kane County and area farmers as representatives on the Illinois Farm Bureau's Board of Directors. A Skyline Locust tree with a bronze plaque was planted for each of the six on the parkway at the Kane County Farm Bureau in August of 2022. These honored included: Henry McGough 1919-1923; Jack Young 1969-1978; John White Jr. 1973-1993; Eldon Gould 1978-1985; Mike Kenyon 2001-2011; and Bob Gehrke 2011-2015.

The final individual recognition of the evening was for John White Jr. of Elburn, who served as Kane County Farm Bureau

President from 1968-73, Illinois Farm Bureau Vice-President from 1973-83, and Illinois Farm Bureau President from 1983-93. White was honored with the planting of a white oak tree on the front lawn of the Kane County Farm Bureau, near the entrance to the association's offices. As was said during the dedication ceremony, "There's no more fitting tribute that the organization can give John White for his service than a White Oak tree and no better or more appropriate place than on the front lawn of the organization that he served so well and so long."

Following the recognition of John White Jr. and all the other

honorees, a raffle drum was brought forward for the drawing of the winner in the 2022 KCFB Foundation's Vintage Truck Raffle. The winner of the drawing was Cliff Burns of Geneva, who at the time of this writing has not made a decision on the raffle prize. Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation has acquired a 1965 International Harvester step-side pickup for the 2023 raffle. Tickets are expected to be available soon.

Kane County Farm Bureau thanks all of the members and volunteers who attended the October 13th picnic, and all those who have contributed to our record of success over the
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John White, Jr. posed under the newly planted White Oak on the KCFB lawn that commemorates his service to farmers and agriculture.

(inset) White addresses the crowd in the tent following his

introduction and thanked the Board, Management, staff and members for the honor before reminiscing on his years of service.



and Scott Jesseman for their outstanding contributions and invited them to cut the ribbon on the rain garden. Arnold also thanked Little Lending Library designer, builder and donor Mike Meuer in absentia for his contribution to promoting ag literacy.

Joe White conducted the individual recognition and first recognized two former members who had recently passed away. Trees in the KCFB's "Centennial Grove" were dedicated to the memory of James Michael Fidler, (a Red Oak) by his family and Mary Nagel (a Tulip Tree) by the Kane County Farm Bureau. Nagel served as a member and Chair of the Women's Committee on the local and state level and spearheaded local and state agricultural literacy efforts for the Farm Bureau for many decades.

From food to flowers: Everything Local hybrid conference

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

This one-of-a-kind event

brings together specialty crop producers and buyers from across the state with other partners throughout the Illinois local food supply chain. By more efficiently connecting the supply chain, more income is



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generated; fewer businesses handle the product in processing and transit; and the products are harvested and packaged at a fresher stage. These improvements benefit the local econ-

omies and food opportunities of communities across the state.

You asked, and we listened. Producers want to know more about getting the most from their farms. Local food interests and farmers markets want to work with excellent producers to promote our state's local food systems. These efforts to build relationships don't stop at the fencerow or market gate. So, we've found a way to connect the right people to enhance the robust Illinois local and specialty agriculture system.

What You Can Expect at the Conference

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

- Hear perspectives from general session keynote speakers who understand and cham-

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KCFB CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2022

- 8 Voting day
 - 10 Board of Directors 7:00pm
 - 11 Veteran's Day
 - 17 Last day for Ho-Ka turkey orders
 - 17 County Board Ag Committee
 - 22 Christmas Trees arrive!
 - 22 Turkey pick up at KCFB, noon-5:30 pm
 - 23 Citrus orders due
 - 24 Thanksgiving, office closed
 - 25 Office closed
- (All at KCFB, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles unless otherwise noted)

Farm Bureau 2023 calendar gifts to members

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



November Featured Food Fresh Ho-Ka turkeys

In honor of Thanksgiving, our featured item for November is fresh HO-KA turkeys. HO-KA turkeys are locally raised in nearby Waterman, IL at Howard Kauffman Turkey Farm. Turkeys are individually wrapped, fresh and never frozen. KCFB Member PLUS members receive a 5% discount for a price of \$3.59 per pound. All other KCFB members pay \$3.77 per pound and non-member price is \$3.95 per pound. Order yours by Thursday, November 17, by calling Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 or use the order form on page 8. Pick-up is at Kane County Farm Bureau on Tuesday, November 22, from 12-5:30pm.



October KCFB Board report

The Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors met Thursday October 13th following a Fay's BBQ picnic on the lawn; dedications of the Illinois Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden, Little Lending Library and nine trees planted as memorials in recognition of service by and for Farm Bureau members; and, the drawing of the winner in the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation's Vintage Truck Raffle.

Directors approved a consent agenda of minutes, membership reports and financial reports as well as reports on Illinois Farm Bureau and local government meetings before welcoming IFB District 1 Director Mark Tuttle. Tuttle reported on upcoming meetings of the IFB resolutions committee, recognized KCFB directors Jerry Gaitsch and Beth Gehrke for their completion of the certified Farm Bureau director program, discussed the IAA annual meeting, ACTIVATOR and redistricting, fuel prices and transportation issues, and demographic issues that are affecting the Illinois Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus.

In director reports, the economy, supply chain disruptions, and inflation were concerns shared by the directors. Several directors thanked management and Farm Bureau staff for the evening's activities that preceded the meeting. It was announced that Farm Bureau Director Andy Lenkaitis and his wife Sarah welcomed a new baby girl, Norah, last week. It was also reported that Nicole Collins, daughter of KCFB director Bill Collins, helped save the life of a student who collapsed on the dance floor at a Geneva High School dance.

Directors reviewed proposed policy resolutions for consideration at the IFB annual meeting on the topics of food access and specialty crops.

In old business, the 2022 IFB annual meeting was discussed. Joe White, Craig Bradley, Dale Pitstick, and Chris Collins were approved as delegates to that meeting to vote on policy resolutions presented to the delegate body. Alternates will be Wayne Schneider, Mike Kenyon, and Beth Gehrke. Directors also received information on the 2023 American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting to be held January 6th through 11th in San Juan, PR.

Directors reviewed annual reports of the programs and activities of the Kane County Farm Bureau that were submitted to Illinois Farm Bureau on September 16th. Directors also received a copy of the Goals for Kane County Farm Bureau for 2022-23, which were submitted to the Illinois Farm Bureau on September 30th.

A proposal to expand the footprint leased to a communications company on the site of the Kane County Farm Bureau was considered. Directors instructed management to approach outside counsel for a proposal to negotiate a new lease agreement. In old business, directors also approved correspondence to legislators who had received an ACTIVATOR "Friend of Agriculture" designation.

In new business, directors discussed fees for the annual audit of the Kane County Farm Bureau. Directors also discussed and approved two policy resolution submittals from director Donna Lehrer. Those resolutions addressed the topics of Involvement of members in Farm Bureau and Government Farm Policies. Both will be forwarded to Illinois Farm Bureau for consideration by the delegates to that organization's annual meeting in December.

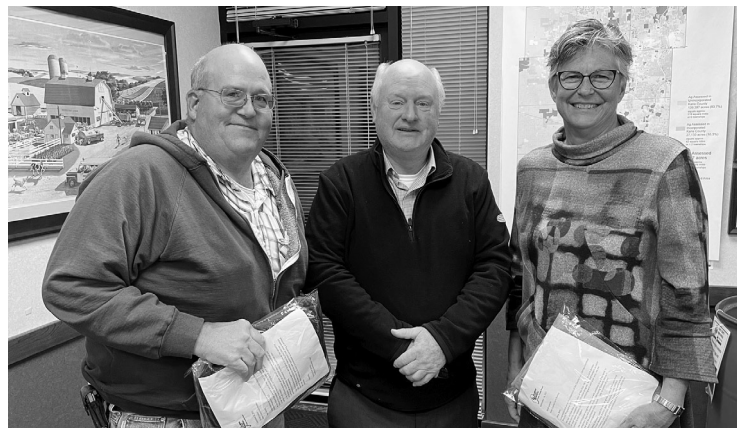
President Joe White reported on the progress of individual directors towards their certifica-

tion through a new Illinois Farm Bureau program introduced in the spring.

Farm Bureau manager Steve Arnold reported on IFB farm safety grant applications which were due October 14, 2022. Arnold presented a concept and draft budget for a grant which was approved by consensus. He also reported that IFB pollinator habitat grants were due October 28th, that the Today Show had visited Goebbert's Pumpkin Patch near Pingree Grove that morning for a segment on food price inflation. Arnold also reported on the John Buck Memorial Golf Outing in September, a fundraiser for the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, and progress on a new electronic platform for students to apply for KCFB Foundation scholarships.

In local issues, Arnold reported on the September meeting of the Kane County Board Agriculture Committee. White reported on the meeting of the Kane County Regional Planning Commission, October 12. Mike Kenyon reported for the Kane County Board and the Forest Preserve District. He reviewed a proposed nuisance ordinance that would affect the shooting of firearms in unincorporated areas of the county. After discussion of the proposed ordinance, a committee of Farm Bureau directors was appointed to draft a letter to county leaders outlining the Kane County Farm Bureau's concerns with the proposed ordinance.

Directors were provided with background information on Proposition 1 on the November 8 ballot. Correspondence from Farm Bureau members was circulated to the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 PM.



IFB District 1 Director Mark Tuttle of Somonauk (center) attended the Board of Directors meeting that followed the October 13 events. Tuttle recognized KCFB Directors Jerry Gaitsch (L) of Huntley and Beth Gehrke (R) of Elgin as the first two members of the KCFB Board to pass a series of exams to earn the Certified Farm Bureau Director designation.

~Happy Thanksgiving!~

Welcome new members

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

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

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

KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE JANUARY 2022 THRU DECEMBER 2022

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

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

Illinois 2022 harvest progress

A familiar sight in area corn and soybean fields in recent weeks, combines like these started rolling in earnest in Kane County fields in late September-early October. According to the National Ag Statistics Service, crop conditions and crop progress compared very favorably to 2021 and years prior. The figures below are based on October 16 crop report for Illinois.

Illinois Crop Progress	2021	2022
Corn harvested	61%	47%
Soybeans harvested	50%	55%
Illinois Crop Conditions	2021	2022
Corn – good to excellent	70%	73%
Soybeans – good to excellent	70%	71%

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Top crop yields predicted for Illinois

While Illinois farmers faced a multitude of weather and crop production challenges this season, the state is on track to be this year's "garden spot," the term often used by traders to describe locations with the highest yields, according to the latest crop production report.

USDA pegged average yields in Illinois at 64 bushels per acre for beans, which, if realized, would be the highest in the nation this season, and 210 bushels for corn, up 6 bushels from the previous estimate and the top state yield in the Corn Belt.

Yields in neighboring states were pegged at 200 bushels per acre for corn and 58 bushels for beans in Iowa and 187 bushels for corn and 59 bushels for beans in Indiana.

Excerpted from a FarmWeek story by Daniel Grant

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November 2022

In accordance with the bylaws of the Kane County Farm Bureau, notice is hereby given to voting members that the following proposed amendments to the bylaws of said association will be voted upon by the Board of Directors of the Association at their regular monthly meeting, Thursday, December 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles, Illinois. Proposed new language is underlined and language to be stricken is in ~~strikeout~~ format.

*Chris Collins, Secretary
Kane County Farm Bureau*

To: Kane County Farm Bureau Voting Members

The notice above informs voting members of the Board of Directors' intent to vote on amendments to the bylaws of the Kane County Farm Bureau at their regular meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2022. These amendments were drafted by the Illinois Farm Bureau's Office of General Counsel and have been recommended for approval by the organization's Board of Directors.

Following this notification to the voting members of the association, the Board of Directors will take a final vote on these amendments on December 10. A 2/3 vote of the entire number of Directors is required for passage. **No action is required on your part.**

The proposed amendments update the bylaws to qualify those designated as Professional Members the ability to nominate, elect and serve as members of the association's Board of Directors. Upon passage of the proposed amendments, the Board of Directors will take up the discussion of the policies necessary to implement this governance change.

If you have questions please feel free to call our office (630) 584-8660 and ask for Manager Steve Arnold, or call your District Kane County Farm Bureau Director at the number listed in the monthly *Kane County Farmer*.

Sincerely,

Joseph White, President
Kane County Farm Bureau

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to the BYLAWS of KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU ~~Strikeout~~ New language
To be considered and voted upon at the December 10, 2022 meeting of the Board of Directors

ARTICLE III

The Board of Directors

Section 1. Number and Authority. The business and affairs of this Farm Bureau shall be managed by or under the direction of a Board of Directors of not less than ten (10) nor more than fifteen (15) members. The number of directors may be fixed or changed from time to time, within the minimum and the maximum, by the directors without further amendment to the By-laws. No decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of an incumbent director. Directors shall hold office for a term of three (3) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of the Board of Directors shall be staggered in such a way that one-third of the directors are elected at each annual meeting or as near to this fraction as possible, and when adding new members of the board, the board may authorize an initial term of less than three (3) years in order to effectuate a one-third stagger.

Section 2. Qualifications. The members of the Board of Directors must be voting members in good standing and must at the time of their election be residents of or have a substantial agricultural interest in Kane County and must be eligible to hold office under the provisions of Article II, Section 1 of these By-Laws. No more than 30% (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of the directors at any given time may be Professional Voting Members.

A Director who, while holding office, fails to meet any of the qualifications set forth in this Section 2 shall immediately resign from office and if such Director fails to do so, such Director's office shall be declared vacant by action of the remaining Directors.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers of this Farm Bureau shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors, from within the membership of such Board.

Section 2. Qualifications. The President, ~~and~~ Vice-President must be Regular Voting Members of this Farm Bureau in good standing and the Secretary/Treasurer must be a voting member of this Farm Bureau in good standing.

Local farmer shares thoughts about responsible land management



Andy Lenkaitis

In keeping with our November Farm Facts & Fun theme of farmers managing the land under their care (page 5), we asked local farmer Andy Lenkaitis some questions about managing his farm on Corron Rd. in St. Charles. Andy and his wife, Sarah, are the owners and farmers of Lenkaitis Holsteins, a dairy farm. We thank Andy for his thoughtful and thorough answers.

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Do you plant cover crops?

We plant cover crops as winter forage for the dairy herd. This year we have cereal rye and triticale (a wheat/rye hybrid). The rye is quick growing, but has a short window in the spring to harvest as dairy quality forage, the triticale gives me a little more window to harvest good forage in the spring. We like planting cover crops as a way to keep the ground covered all winter after chopping corn off for silage. It also provides us with a good feed source to allow us to take two crops off per acre. We have also planted wheat and italian ryegrass as overwinter crops.

This year we took wheat off at the end of July as grain and baled the straw. We were running short on time to plant short season soybeans, so we opted to establish SorghumxSudan grass as a forage for cows instead of letting the ground sit.

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Is your cow manure "recycled" as fertilizer for your fields, and does it reduce your dependence on chemical fertilizers?

Yes, we recycle our manure as fertilizer. I pull a couple samples of manure throughout the application season to get an idea of what nutrients we are applying to the ground and then soil test on a regular schedule. This helps greatly reduce my dependence on purchased chemical fertilizer. I do still need to purchase nitrogen for the corn crop since we look to balance our phosphorus and potassium with our manure application.

I have also been taking advantage of cooler temps to apply manure to hay ground. The mix of N-P-K is a good match for mixed alfalfa/grass fields.

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Do you worry about manure leaching into ground water and if so, what steps do you take to mitigate the issue?

Nutrient leaching is a concern for any type of fertilizer application. With manure, we always try to apply into a growing crop, standing crop residue or use the tool bar on the manure tanker to immediately incorporate the manure/soil. Where time is tight, I will top spread manure and then work the field up within 24-48 hours to minimize leaching and runoff risk, but also save as much nitrogen as I can. I keep an eye on weather and soil type and will adjust manure application rate and speed to allow the liquid to soak into the ground. A majority of the time, we are applying manure and then planting a crop within a week after.

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Anything else you'd like to add about your commitment to managing the land under your care?

With the higher fertilizer costs this past year, we have really seen the value of manure, we even had some neighbors ask about buying some! Overall, the dairy cows provide us a unique opportunity to use winter cover crops as a forage and increase the acreage that we can grow corn for grain. It takes a little more coordination to use manure properly and we always have a plan A, B and C depending on what external condition impacts our ability to run equipment.

One of the biggest challenges is moving manure from the farm to the field and minimizing mud on the road. We take steps to coordinate with local road departments to give them a heads up and then always scrape clean any mud that we track onto the roads. In addition, many drivers in our local area aren't used to seeing equipment, so we need to take the extra time and go a little slower to be as safe as we can with other vehicle traffic.

Holsteins at Lenkaitis Holsteins dairy farm.



Farm toy of the month

As November's chill sends farm animals in Kane Co. to their warm barns, KCFB offers a fun barn themed farm toy. The Ertl Round Gable Barn Set includes 73, 1/64 scale pieces including barn, windmill, horses, cows and corrals for keeping critters contained. The set is recommended for kids 3 and up.

\$31.97, but during the month of November, KCFB members receive 10% off.

Stop in, say hi, and pick up your barn set!



This barn set is

See page 8 to order turkeys or fresh citrus and other edibles – tasty and tasteful treats!

AG LITERACY CORNER

By Kelcee Miller, Development & Ag Literacy Program Coordinator



Hello Kane County!

As the holiday season draws in closer, I think it's a common theme to sit and reflect of how grateful we are for each and every day and all the blessings that we have and continue to come our way. It's one simple concept that doesn't cost any money, yet adds so much value

to our lives and even more when it is done on a daily basis!

It is no surprise that we can sometimes take the act of expressing gratitude for granted. Let's face it, we've all been there because we can find ourselves wrapped up in our own crazy lives and/or fall victim to comparing what others are doing, accomplishing, or post-

ing on social media that we often forget how special our life is and the blessings we have that deserve more recognition than we give credit for.

The grass isn't always greener on the other side, it is greener where you water it.

Each and every day regardless of who you are IS a blessing. The things I may be grateful for in my life may not mean much to you – the reader and vice versa, and that's okay! As a society, we must learn that it is okay to have different values, thoughts, and opinions. If we were all the same, life would be dull and boring!

I am a firm believer that

every day is a gift because nothing in this life is guaranteed. We all know life happens fast and how our lives can change in a blink of an eye and be flipped upside down just like that. Sometimes all it takes is that one moment to completely reframe or emphasize just how precious each and every day is and how we need to be thankful for all of life's blessings. Let's face it not every day is going to be sunshine and rainbows. Some days will be harder than others and test our limits. But it is through those tough days we come out a better version of ourselves and see the blessings in disguise. Not every day may be a "good" day but there IS something good in every day!

If you form a daily habit of giving thanks and expressing gratitude for the people and things in your life and not just on Thanksgiving Day – you will continue to cultivate a positive and grateful mind, heart, and soul which will continue to reward you in your daily life.

I encourage you all to form a daily habit of giving thanks. Like learning any new skill, it will take time, work, and consistent dedication. You must put forth the effort to identify whatever it is you are grateful for. It can be in those moments when you are by yourself and just take a few moments to think of the things you are truly thankful for and all the wonderful things this life has to offer. Or have a conversation with a loved one or friend and openly share with one another. There are some awe-

some guided gratitude journals that can be a useful tool because you are putting pen to paper. This may even help you identify themes or patterns which can be an insightful tool too!

As a society we need to flip our mindsets from what can you take to what can you give? Life isn't happening to you, it's happening for you. I believe that a life full of gratitude and happiness go hand-in-hand. Now more than ever, appreciate and love what you have and all that you have been given. And do the work to identify those gifts and share them. You never know who may need to hear your story or how you can inspire others to live a life of gratitude too. Not every day will be perfect – but we have the ability to make it a great day to be alive by starting with a grateful heart. Stacking other beneficial habits such as being aware of what we feed our minds and bodies, what kind of lifestyle we live, who we surround ourselves with, and the truths we speak into reality can provide us with gifts that keep on giving and allow us to continue to share our gifts and live a life full of happiness and gratitude.

During this holiday season, I hope you find the time to identify the things you are grateful for as well as taking the time to share with those who influence your life. Create your own momentum, and before you know it you will be cultivating a life full of gratitude, happiness, and good health!

Happy November!

Book of the month

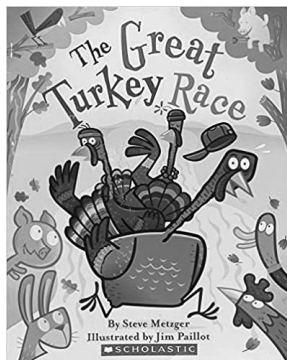
When we think of the month of November, some may think of fall Harvest coming to a close, some may think of the days getting shorter, but for others we think of Thanksgiving! As most of us know, it is a time of the year to express how thankful we are for the life we have as well as the people in our lives. As the holiday tradition typically goes, loved ones spend time socializing, eating, and gathering around the table full of food with the main course, the delicious Thanksgiving turkey!

The book of the Month for November is *The Great Turkey Race*, written by Steve Metzger and illustrated by Jim Paillet. This charming story is about three turkeys, Cassie, Wing, and

Ollie who all want to be the "very special" Thanksgiving Turkey. To determine which one of them Farmer Joe should pick, they decide to have a friendly field day competition with different sporting events with the winner receiving medals after each event. Then at the very end, the one who has the most medals would show Farmer Joe who he should pick to be the Thanksgiving Turkey. With the help and support of their barnyard friends, the three turkeys compete against one another with an ending that will be sure to bring a smile to your face!

To see how the story ends come on in to the Kane County Farm Bureau Library – yes, we have a FREE library! – And

check out *The Great Turkey Race*. The Kane County Farm Bureau Library was made possible by Bob Konen and Dean Dunn, and later supported by the Bob Konen Family.



The Great Turkey Race
by Steve Metzger,
illustrated by Jim Paillet

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IAITC now easier to find at your fingertips

By Kay Shipman, FarmWeek

Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) presents a new, streamlined resource online at agintheclassroom.org.

"We tried to make the website visually appealing and make it easier to find resources," said Chris Wyant, IAITC education manager.

IAITC designed and developed the revamped website that launched last week. Wyant assured those familiar with online IAITC resources that they won't lose anything.

"All the resources they're used to accessing on the previous website and the blog will be available on the new website," he said.

A searchable lesson icon is the central focus on the website homepage. Clicking on the icon immediately opens a page with categories of lessons, such as apples, beef, corn, dairy and general farming. Within each lesson category, subject lessons are grouped by grade level.

"We wanted teachers to have easy and quick access to lessons," Wyant explained. "If you want an apple lesson, you can get right to it. We're hoping it will be more likely teachers will use our resources if they can get to them easily."

In addition to lessons, educators will find related Ag Ventures, which are activity

sheets, and Ag Mags, agricultural education magazines, about that subject matter.

Links are provided to digital Ag Mags or information is provided about contacting county literacy coordinators for free, printed Ag Mags.

Videos are another website feature listed under the Teacher Resources icon. During the pandemic, IAITC made and compiled many educational ag videos, including virtual field trips, author interviews and egg incubation lessons.

The website also will connect teachers to the new Illinois Ag History website and provide access to the National Agriculture in the Classroom matrix that contains more than 500 lessons.

For county literacy coordinators, a new password-protected page will provide information about grants, summer ag institutes and specific opportunities and events. The new feature "will streamline communication" to the coordinators, Wyant noted.

check out our

New Website!

View our new-and-improved website at <https://www.agintheclassroom.org>



Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Kelcee Miller, Ag Literacy Coordinator

Reducing Nutrient Loss



Farmers have many ways to reduce nutrient losses from their operations, including:

Nutrient Management Techniques: Farmers can improve nutrient management practices by applying nutrients (fertilizer and manure) in the right amount, at the right time of year.

Using Conservation Drainage Practices: Subsurface tile drainage is an important practice to manage water movement on and through many soils, typically in the Midwest. Drainage water can carry soluble forms of nitrogen and phosphorus, so strategies are needed to reduce nutrient loads while maintaining adequate drainage for crop production. Conservation drainage describes practices including modifying drainage system design and operation, woodchip bioreactors, saturated buffers, and modifications to the drainage ditch system. *KCFB worked with the Kane Dupage Soil and Water Conservation District and the Kane County Forest Preserve District in 2018 to install a woodchip bioreactor in Campton Hills.*

Ensuring Year-Round Ground Cover: Farmers can plant cover crops to prevent periods of bare ground on farm fields when the soil and nutrients it contains are most susceptible to erosion and loss.

Planting Field Buffers: Farmers can plant trees, shrubs and grasses along the edges of fields – important for a field that borders water bodies. Planted buffers can help prevent nutrient loss from fields by absorbing or filtering out nutrients before they reach a water body.

Implementing Conservation Tillage: Farmers can reduce how often and how intensely the fields are tilled. Doing so can help to improve soil health, and reduce erosion, runoff and soil compaction. *To learn more about a local farmer's practices, see page 3.*

Engaging in Watershed Efforts: The collaboration of a wide range of people, stakeholders and organizations across an entire watershed is vital to reducing nutrient pollution to our water and air. Farmers can play an important leadership role in these efforts when they get involved and engage with their state governments, farm organizations, conservation groups, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and community groups. *Visit KCFB's recently planted ILLINOIS Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden to see watershed and rainwater runoff management in action.*

Information is from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – <https://www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution/sources-and-solutions-agriculture>.

Create a thankful turkey box

Supplies

- Empty square tissue box
- Brown paint
- Brown, yellow, red, and orange cardstock
- Googly eyes
- Glue dots and/or glue or tape
- Scissors

Directions

Lay out a placemat or butcher paper to protect your surface and then pour some brown acrylic paint onto a painting palette or paper plate.

Using a sponge paintbrush, paint the empty square tissue box. Allow to dry completely and apply a second coat if necessary.

Draw a turkey body and feathers and/or download from website. Cut out the pieces on desired cardstock colors.

Once paint on tissue box is completely dry, glue the body of the turkey to the front of the box and apply wattle, beak, and two small googly eyes to the face of

the turkey.

Glue the feathers to the back of the tissue box to the layout and design of your liking.

Print and/or write out on strips of papers, "I am thankful for ..."

Set out on the Thanksgiving table or bring or leave out all month long for family and friends to write what they are thankful for and place in the box and share with one another on turkey day!



Find this craft and additional layouts and inspiration ideas here: <https://iheartcraftythings.com/thankful-turkey-box-tutorial.html>

Pumpkin pie in a cup

Ingredients

- 1 vanilla pudding cup (per person)
- 2 graham crackers (per person) *the cinnamon crackers may provide more flavor
- 2 tablespoons of pumpkin pie mix (per person)
- Whipped cream or Cool-Whip
- Cinnamon
- Zip-loc bag
- Cups

Directions

In a Zip-loc bag, place 2 graham crackers, seal and secure bag and then crush the crackers.

Empty the crushed graham cracker crumbs into the bottom of the cup.

Spoon a scoop of the vanilla pudding on top of the crushed graham crackers, then add 2 tablespoons of pumpkin pie filling on top of the pudding, and mix together.

Add a squirt of whipped cream or a dollop of Cool-Whip to the top of the treat and sprinkle with cinnamon.

Serve and enjoy!

Find this sweet treat and more recipes here: <https://www.pre-kpages.com/pumpkin-pie-in-a-cup/>



PUMPKIN PIE in a CUP RECIPE



Happy Thanksgiving!

JOKES

Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?

Because he had the drumsticks!

Who is not hungry on Thanksgiving?

The turkey – he's stuffed!

What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving?

The turkey trot!

What sound does a turkey's phone make?

Wing, wing!

What is a turkey's favorite dessert?

Apple-gobbler!

Find these jokes and more here: <https://onmykidsplate.com/thanksgiving-jokes-for-kids/>



November is ...

National

Calzone Day	1
Cinnamon Day	1
Deviled Egg Day	2
Sandwich Day	3
Bison Day	6
Nachos Day	6
STEM/STEAM Day	8
Vanilla Cupcake Day	10
Education Day	11
Veterans Day	11
World Kindness Day	13
Recycling Day	15
Apple Cider Day	18
Peanut Butter Fudge Day	20
Stuffing Day	21
Cashew Day	23
Thanksgiving	24
Black Friday	25
Cake Day	26
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National

Banana Pudding Lovers Month
Fun with Fondue Month
Peanut Butter Lovers Month
Pepper Month
Pomegranate Month
Raisin Bread Month

<https://nationaltoday.com/november-holidays/>

Reducing soil nutrient loss

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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 by November 15, 2022 to be entered in our drawing for a fun prize.

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



tilizer source, at the right rate, right time and in the right place. Success combines these specific fertilizer targets with agronomic and conservation

Farmers feed the need for nutrients

Like humans, crops have dietary needs. And just as food prices have soared, fertilizers that provide nutrients for crops have nearly tripled since 2020.

Farmers take great responsibility in managing the land under their care, including the need, timing and placement of fertilizer that provides essential nutrients for crop growth and development. Skyrocketing costs accelerate the motivation to use them effectively to maximize profitability and minimize environmental impact.

The goal: Make the desired nutrients available and accessible when crops need them yet keep those necessary nutrients out of groundwater, lakes, streams and rivers. On our farm, we drink from the former and play in the latter.

Improving nutrient retention in the soil is the premise of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, a statewide, voluntary effort to improve water quality. The science-based initiative uses research, technology and industry experience to assess and reduce nitrogen and phosphorous losses to Illinois waters, the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico.

Armed with generations of experience, evolving research and modern technology, today's farmers have more tools than during Grandpa's farming career to finetune management of soil nutrients. A significant part of that effort focuses on the 4R strategy, or placing the right fer-

practices.

Cover crops grow on a larger base of Illinois land, including our own, to provide a groundcover to hold nutrients between growing seasons. Grass waterways and buffer strips in our fields filter nutrients from water that moves across the land. Reduced tillage and no-tillage practices inhibit loss of soil and nutrients.

Global-positioning technology allows us to variably apply nutrients across soils based on defined, site-specific needs, which vary by crop, by field and soil types within a field. Our tests with the evolving market of biologicals shows promise to use soil microbes to enhance fertilizer's availability to plants while supporting yield.

Nutrient retention proves the right decision both economically and environmentally. Illinois Farm Bureau believes so, too, and since 2015, the organization has committed more than \$2.4 million of its own funding through county-level Nutrient Stewardship Grants and other efforts to support implementation of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

Illinois is blessed with some of the best soil and water resources in the world, and farmers assume great responsibility to protect them as they feed the soil that helps feed the world.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in west-central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and cover crops and raise beef cattle.

IAA Foundation providing \$647,000 in grants to county AITC coalitions

By Kay Shipman, FarmWeek

Eighty county ag literacy coalitions serving 89 counties were awarded a total of \$647,000 in grants from the IAA Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau.

For Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) programs statewide, the dollars mean educators and students are receiving materials, educational lessons and activities during the 2022-2023 school year.

For Connie Niemann, ag literacy coordinator in Macoupin County, the grant serves many purposes.

"Full funding of the grant enables me to continue to serve our communities by providing classroom programs, professional development opportunities for educators, hands-on learning resources and newsletters," Niemann told FarmWeek. "This support, made possible by so many agricultural organizations and businesses, helps us share the importance of agriculture and the role it plays in our everyday lives. We help strengthen their connection to agriculture."

In Hancock County, the grants support monthly visits to more than 1,700 students in prekindergarten through eighth grade spread among 100 classrooms, according to Dawn Weinberg, the county ag literacy coordinator. "This money is used to purchase activity supplies for hands-on programs and resource materials to facilitate educating our students, teachers and public about the food and fiber system," Weinberg said.

Typically, more than 650,000

students and nearly 40,000 teachers use ag literacy lessons through IAITC. During the pandemic with schools focusing on remote learning, IAITC pivoted to provide educators and their students with more online resources as well as materials. The return to classrooms saw use of IAITC resources rebound as well.

"This past school year, we saw student reach increase by 25% and teacher reach increase by 55%, showing a positive trend as re-adjustments continue," said Kevin Daugherty, IAITC education director.



"Providing these grants ensures access to lessons with emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) that incorporate accurate agricultural content for teachers and students," Daugherty continued.

Each year, the IAA Foundation raises money for IAITC. Along with county grants, the funding supports grants for teachers, Ag Mags, Summer Ag Academies and other resources.

"Consistent outreach requires steadfast supporters," said Susan Moore, IAA Foundation director. "We are grateful to annual donors who understand how important efforts to enhance agriculture literacy can be. Every year there are new fourth graders to connect with, and our donors

understand and appreciate IAITC's efforts to get the job done."

"Full grant funding means that in Hancock County we are following the mission of IAITC to educate students, provide professional development for educators and work collaboratively with our local agriculture entities to insure a consistent, correct agriculture message through our programs," Weinberg said.

The county grants have a special meaning for Niemann. "County grants gave our program here in Macoupin County its start 26 years ago," she explained. "It was seed money to build our program and partnerships. Through the years, this grant has blessed us with the opportunity to bring together many local agribusinesses and organizations for a united effort to help people of all ages learn more about agriculture."

Organizations that partner with IAITC include Illinois Farm Bureau, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Illinois Soybean Association, Midwest Dairy Association, Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The annual donors include agribusinesses and individuals who support agriculture's future. For information, visit iaafoundation.org or aginthe-classroom.org.

Christmas tree discount for KCFB members

Marks' Tree Farm, which has been doing business in St. Charles for three decades, will establish a Christmas tree lot at the Kane County Farm Bureau between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Marks' provides quality, fresh cut Frasier Fir, Balsam Fir, Spruce and White Pines grown on their farm in Northern Wisconsin. They also offer evergreen wreaths and crosses, perfect for doors or walls that need a little "sprucing" up!

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



On a chilly Thursday evening last month, Kane County Farm Bureau's Young Leader's Secretary, Joseph White of Batavia and KCFB Development/Ag Literacy Coordinator Kelcee Miller cut the ribbon for the official opening of the Little Lending Library. The Little Lending Library is located under the windmill at the Kane County Farm Bureau office in St. Charles. The Little Lending Library is full of agricultural themed books for all ages and reading levels and is available 24-7-365. Come on by and check it out!

Inset: A special thanks to Kathleen Chwee of Elgin who stopped by in late September to drop off some book donations to help us with our mission to stock our Little Lending Library. The library was installed on September 2nd during the ILLINOIS Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden expansion project. If you have any ag-literacy themed books that you'd like to donate or would like to help us fill our Little Lending Library, visit KCFB or AmazonSmile Wish List, which can be found here: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/3KI4X1GN0A592/ref=smi_ext_Ink_lcl_cl.



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Lesson in a Bucket ready with ag lessons for eager minds

Are you an elementary teacher in Kane County? Are you looking for fun and innovative ways to bridge the gap between agriculture and your classroom? Look no further than

Lesson in a-Bucket! NEW this year, KCFB will be offering/lending monthly themed ag-lessons in a 5-gallon chore bucket – yes just like the ones you would find on the farm! Each

bucket is complete with themed books, activities, and Ag-Mags about given topics such as dairy, pollinators, apples!

This month's theme is all about corn! Inside the chore bucket, K-5 teachers will find a classroom set of Corn Ag-Mags that pairs perfectly with the Corn Ag-Venture that helps students apply their mathematics and literacy skills along with some corny fun! In addition, teachers will find corn themed activities such as Packing Peanuts which ties science and agriculture together as it is designed to help students use the scientific method to explore materials we use for every day objects. This lesson also helps students critically think about renewable vs. non-renewable resources!

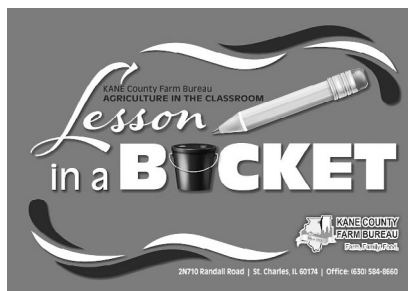
Each of the 5 lesson plans lays out the learning blueprint including target grade, subject, length of lesson, objective, materials needed, standards, suggested readings (yes – some

from parent to offspring! The Multidisciplinary Agriculture Integrated Curriculum (mAGic) lessons are designed to bring agriculture to life in your classroom. They address the Illinois Learning Standards in math, science, English language arts and social studies.

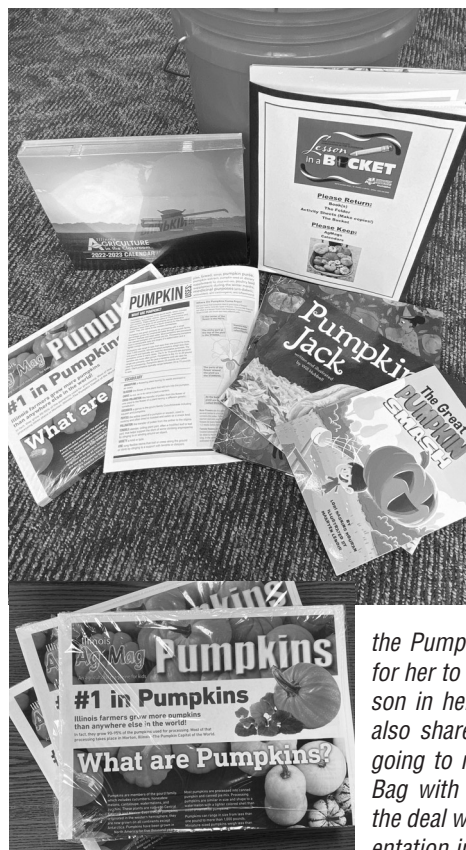
The learning doesn't stop there! Inside each bucket, there is an infographic postcard all about corn for each student to keep including nutritional facts, types of corn as well as consumer information.

We hope you are excited and select us as the pick of the patch to allow us to help bring agriculture into your classroom this fall and winter!

Call Kelcee at 630-584-8660 to reserve your Lesson in a Bucket today!



AITC Lesson in a Bucket



Last month Jill Vandermeij of Geneva stopped into the KCFB office to check out the Pumpkin themed "Lesson in a Bucket" (top photo) for her 3rd and 4th graders to learn about agriculture with a side of fun to kick off the Halloween season! October may be over now, but teachers may still check-out the Lesson in a Bucket while supplies lasts!

Bottom left: Ag-Mags are not just for elementary school students! Last month, Miranda Mannarelli, a senior at Aurora University, reached out to Kelcee for a classroom set of Pumpkin Ag-Mags and the Pumpkin Ag-Venture activity sheet for her to utilize as she facilitated a lesson in her class at school! Mannarelli also shared with Kelcee that she was going to make the Pumpkin Pie In-A-Bag with her classmates to help seal the deal with a sweet treat for her presentation in early November!

This month in the Little Lending Library

Last month was the official grand opening of our Little Lending Library! Every month our Little Lending Library will have a special feature, book, or resource or all of the above! This will be our way of helping connect with the



Little Lending Library

community whether they are KCFB members or not. No matter who you are or where you are from, agriculture is everywhere and plays a crucial role in your daily life. It is our hope that through our (not so) Little Lending Library we can help bridge the gap between consumers and farmers and help to

make a positive impact in the name of agriculture. There are still FREE color-copied handouts and information about the plants and resources used for our recent ILLINOIS Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden project. And hey – while you're here, take your map and walk through the garden itself!

The book spotlight for our young readers will be *Awesome Agriculture: Corn – An A to Z Book* by Susan Anderson and JoAnne Buggy. In addition we will have copies of our Corn-AgMags for children and their parents



What's new at COUNTRY?

St. Charles Agency, Jeff Orman, Agency Manager

Congratulations to **Victor Alvarado**, who has been named the September Rep of the Month in the COUNTRY Financial® St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Jeffrey Orman. Victor is a great asset to our team and is dedicated to providing tangible plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of his clients through our Auto, Home, Farm, Life, Business, and Retirement products and services. Let Victor's expertise help you! You may reach Victor at: 847-742-0003, or victor.alvarado@CountryFinancial.com, or <https://representatives>.

CountryFinancial.com/Victor.Alvarado/. Congratulations, Victor!

Aurora Agency, Alonzo Nevarez, Agency Manager

Alicia Giglione, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for September 2022. Alicia began her career with COUNTRY Financial in October of 2016 and services clients out of her office located at 2000 W. Galena Blvd., #206, Aurora, 60506, (630) 423-9888. Alicia's professionalism and vast knowledge of auto, home, life, and commercial products make her a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Alicia!

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.

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

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

Order your fresh Ho-Ka turkey ... and citrus, nuts and more – See page 8 for order forms

Thanks to our donors

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



Donor	Beneficiary
Kathleen Chwee	Little Lending Library

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

Welcome to the next level

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

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

Regular Members
Danielle Stojan Maple Park
Eric Metz Elgin

- 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.*

Conference

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 a) Attend workshops on agritourism, hydroponics, sweet corn production and more.
 b) Engage in breakout tracks ranging from grower production practices and business development to farmers' market man-

agement and community food systems.
 • Interact with vendors, associations and non-profits at the conference's trade show.

Don't Miss Your Chance

Make your connections at this year's From Food to Flowers: Everything Local Hybrid Conference.
 For more information, contact Kane County Farm Bureau at 630 584-8660.

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 HELP WANTED – WOOD-WORKER/PLAQUE ASSEMBLY. Custom engraving shop needs person for plaque assembly. Business hours 9:00-5:00,

1. Signage from KCFB's recent ILLINOIS Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden and Little Lending Library were on display at the picnic, along with the commemorative plaques for tree plantings honoring former KCFB and IFB board representatives and long-time KCFB Women's Committee volunteer, Mary Nagel.

2. A brief ceremony for the new ILLINOIS Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden included a ribbon cutting by Rob Linke, Kane County Department of Environmental and Water Resources; Stan Schumacher, Vice-President, Midwest Ground-covers; Melissa Wheeler, Vice-President, Encap Inc. and Scott Jessemann, owner, Prairie Fence and Landscape. All were absolutely essential to the garden's establishment and proper functioning.

3. Ryan Ford, IFB Region 2 Manager, lit tiki torches to light the commemorative trees on the lawn in preparation of the festivities. It was not a simple task, given the icy and persistent north winds.

4. Former KCFB Board presidents and IFB District 1 Directors Bob Gehrke, Mike Kenyon, Eldon Gould and John White, Jr. posed with their commemorative tree plaques. Plaques (and trees) recognizing the service of Henry McGough and Jack Young on the Illinois Farm Bureau Board of Directors will also be placed on the KCFB parkway.

5. KCFB Board President Joe White acted as "emcee" of the event, speaking to guests about recent accomplishments and past contributors to KCFB's 110 plus year track record and successes.

6. With the dinner, recognitions and socializing wrapped up and the raffle prize drawn, the 1971 Chevy C10 remained alone on the lawn, waiting to be claimed by her new owner.

7. The family of Mary Nagel pause under the Tulip Tree dedicated in her honor, after placing a bronze marker as a memorial to her life and service to KCFB.



See the full story on page 1.

Gathering

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past 110 years.

We look forward to welcoming any member or non-member

to our office on Randall Road in St. Charles where you can learn more about farms, food and agriculture and how they contribute to our economy and quality of life.

Order your fresh, never frozen turkey

A holiday tradition like no other – a fresh Ho-Ka turkey for Thanksgiving. Ho-Ka turkeys are locally raised at Howard Kauffman Turkey Farms in nearby Waterman, IL. They are individually wrapped and boxed, which makes them perfect for holiday entertaining or as gifts. Kauffman Turkey Farms is one of the country's last independent family turkey farms with its own federally inspected dressing plant.

Whole Turkey

KCFB Member PLUS members: \$3.59/lb.
KCFB members: \$3.77/lb.
Non-members: \$3.95/lb.

Order yours by Thursday, November 17, by calling Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 or mail back the order form below. Turkeys vary in weight, so please indicate the weight you would like and we will get as close as we can (exact weight cannot be guaranteed, a 2-lb range is recommended).

Pick-up is at Kane Co. Farm Bureau on Tuesday, November 22, just in time for your Thanksgiving dinner!

Kane County Farm Bureau - Fresh Thanksgiving Turkey

_____ # of turkey(s).
 Requested weight(s) (2-lb range, please): _____ - _____ lbs.
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS THURSDAY, NOV. 17.
Payment is due at pickup at the Farm Bureau Tuesday, November 22, noon-5:30pm

Name: _____

Telephone No. (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Member Number: _____

Mail to Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles IL 60174 or order by phone: (630) 584-8660 or e-mail: member@kanecfb.com

Holiday Product Order Form

Citrus • Nuts • Meat • Popcorn • Spice

Kane County Farm Bureau is once again offering fresh citrus and seasonal items for the holidays trucked in fresh to fill our orders. Members say the taste and freshness are hard to beat! An annual tradition for at least half a century, this is one you'll be glad to be a part of. KCFB members receive a discount & PLUS members get an even better deal. Check out the gift boxes for holiday gift giving.

Complete the order form and return with your payment to Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174, by **Wednesday, Nov. 23rd Pickup is Wednesday, December 14th, 2022** at Heinz Brothers Greenhouse (same as last year), 2010 E. Main St., St. Charles (just west of Dunham Road).

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

KCFB MEMBER#: _____

CREDIT CARD#: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: ____ / ____ CVC#: _____

ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday, November 23, 2022

\$25 for PLUS Member Pricing (Additional benefits apply)

Questions? Call 630-584-8660

PICKUP TIME: Wednesday, December 14, 2022
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

LOCATION: HEINZ BROS. GREENHOUSE
2010 E. MAIN ST., ST. CHARLES
(JUST WEST OF DUNHAM ROAD)

PAYMENT: **WITH ORDER PLACEMENT**
WE ACCEPT VISA, MASTERCARD & DISCOVER

SEND ORDER TO: KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU
2N710 RANDALL ROAD
ST. CHARLES, IL 60174

QUANTITY		Non-Member	KCFB Member	KCFB Plus (+) Member
_____	MESH CITRUS BAG 1/4 Bu. (10 #) fill with citrus mix of YOUR choice at pick-up, 10 lbs.	\$25.75	\$23.50	\$22.25
_____	MIXED CITRUS BOX 2/5 Bu. 16-20 Mandarins, 18-20 Navel Oranges, 6 Red Grapefruit	\$38.00	\$35.50	\$33.75
CITRUS BOXES				
_____	GRAPEFRUIT (RED) 2/5 Bu. (Florida)	\$25.00	\$23.00	\$21.85
_____	GRAPEFRUIT (RED) 4/5 Bu. "	\$42.75	\$35.50	\$33.75
_____	NAVEL ORANGES 2/5 Bu. (California)	\$27.50	\$25.00	\$23.75
_____	NAVEL ORANGES 4/5 Bu. "	\$44.00	\$40.00	\$38.00
_____	CLEMENTINES 1/5 Bu. (California)	\$24.75	\$23.50	\$22.30
_____	CLEMENTINES 1/2 Bu. (California)	\$48.50	\$45.00	\$42.75
MIXED BOXES				
_____	HOLIDAY GIFT BOX 18-20 Navel oranges, 4 Grapefruit, 10 Red Delicious apples	\$38.00	\$34.50	\$32.75
_____	GRAND SLAM PACK 6 Red Delicious Apples, 6 D'Anjou pears, 3 Golden Delicious apples, 18-20 navel oranges	\$38.00	\$34.50	\$32.75
NUTS				
_____	PEANUTS - 16 Oz. Skinless Can	\$6.75	\$6.00	\$5.75
_____	HONEY KRUNCH PEANUTS - 12 Oz. Can	\$6.75	\$ 6.00	\$5.75
_____	PECAN HALVES - 16 Oz. Bag (Georgia)	\$12.75	\$11.50	\$10.75
_____	MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED PECANS - 12 Oz. Bag	\$12.00	\$11.50	\$10.75
_____	MILK CHOCOLATE COVERED PEANUTS - 12 Oz Can	\$7.25	\$ 7.25	\$6.75
_____	HONEY ROASTED PECANS - 9 Oz Can	\$11.00	\$10.50	\$10.00
_____	MILK CHOCOLATE PECAN CLUSTERS - 9 Oz Box	\$12.00	\$10.50	\$10.00
_____	DARK CHOCOLATE SEA SALT CARAMELS - 8 Oz Box	\$12.00	\$10.50	\$10.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
_____	POPCORN , Yellow 2 Lb Bag	\$4.00	\$3.50	\$3.25
_____	BBQ SPICE , 12 Oz. Shaker Jar	\$11.50	\$10.50	\$10.00
MEAT - 5 LB BOX (all individually wrapped)				
_____	BOURBON SIRLOIN STEAKS , 8 Oz.(4 #)	\$58.75	\$54.50	\$51.75
_____	PORK CHOPS - 8 Oz, Seasoned, Bone-In (5 #)	\$37.50	\$35.00	\$33.25
_____	PORK CHOPS 8 Oz, Seasoned, Boneless (5 #)	\$37.50	\$35.00	\$33.25
_____	PORK CHOPS 10 Oz, Seasoned, Boneless (5 #)	\$37.50	\$35.00	\$33.25
_____	LEMON ROSEMARY PORK ROAST / Qty 3, 24 Oz Per Box	\$30.75	\$29.00	\$27.55
_____	\$25 INCLUDED FOR PLUS MEMBER PRICING (additional benefits apply)			\$25.00
_____	TOTAL # ITEMS ORDERED			
_____	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE			

All prices include applicable sales tax.