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Promote agriculture, farms & food; and,
Advocate good stewardship of our land and resources.

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KCFB to launch 10,000 gallon CHALLENGE Pledges 1,000 gallon 'match' for member contributions

KCFB's open call for ideas to promote milk consumption, increase hunger awareness and help provide for our neighbors in need was answered by 14 community minded individuals on September 18. The plan they conceived is intended to place milk and dairy products at the forefront of consumer thought, and not-for-profit gift giving, throughout the upcoming holiday season.

Assembled for the meeting were representatives from the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB), Feeding Illinois, St. Peter's Food Pantry in Geneva, Hinckley Area Food Pantry and the Kane County Development & Community Services Department, along with Farm Bureau volunteers and leaders and local media. Mark VanKerkhoff, Kane County Development and Community Services Director, expressed appreciation for "Kane County Farm Bureau's leadership in convening existing partners like the Northern Illinois Food Bank and local food pantries and for reaching out to new potential partners and individuals to get milk and dairy nutrition to our residents

in need."

The meeting included a review of KCFB member support for hunger relief efforts, including post WWI campaigns for Europe and WWII efforts around the globe. More recent local

from storage issues to the days/hours each is open and able to accept dairy deliveries. Since milk is a highly perishable food item and often small pantries are only open a few days a month, food pantry representatives were concerned with how to get more milk and other dairy products to their patrons.

After individual sharing of "desired outcomes" from the meeting, Farm Bureau staff shared social media efforts for similar causes/promotions, including those of a local County Farm Bureau and a promotion catching a lot of attention lately, the #10gallon challenge.

Created by Ohio based Farm Broadcaster/Speaker Ty Higgins, an August 1 Facebook video shows him visiting a grocery store, buying 10 gallons of milk, and then delivering them to a local food pantry. The video, and idea, have since exploded on social media platforms and numerous 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters around the country are completing the "Challenge", and challenging others to do so on social media.

Lively discussion followed about food pantry client needs,

concerns about available resources, what each partner brought to the table and similar promotions for milk and other commodities, including the #10gallonchallenge. In consideration of the sometimes limited hours, space, refrigeration and staffing of local food pantries, the group chose to capitalize on the popularity of the #10gallonchallenge.

In the program agreed upon, KCFB will lead in soliciting donations for milk purchases – for NIFB or any food pantry in the area – thus minimizing the supply/demand, space, refrigeration, staffing and other challenges food pantries face with unexpected donations of perishable products.

A goal of 10,000 gallons of milk donated to local food pantries was agreed upon to

count the project a success. Farm Bureau, as convener of the meeting and in an effort to promote greater milk consumption and help provide for those in need, offered to "match" the first 1,000 "gallons" of donations from member families. Farm Bureau will also help promote to the community and food pantries and erect a campaign progress "milk jug" on its front lawn on Randall Road in St. Charles.

Northern Illinois Food Bank will take the lead in developing a "10 gallon challenge" video for social media to create awareness for the community to participate in this important campaign. Challenges will be sent, accepted, and word will spread quickly.

"Feeding Illinois plans to expand their dairy program

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Farm Broadcaster Ty Higgins launched the #10gallonchallenge with a Facebook video on August 1. Speaking about the prices farmers receive for milk being at their lowest point in years, he encouraged other to buy and donate 10 gallons of milk to a local food pantry. The 10,000 gallon CHALLENGE hopes to advance those causes, providing for hungry neighbors in need, while simplifying the process for individuals, groups and businesses that want to help, while relieving the burden of actual shopping and delivery and freeing food pantries from unanticipated deliveries of perishables.

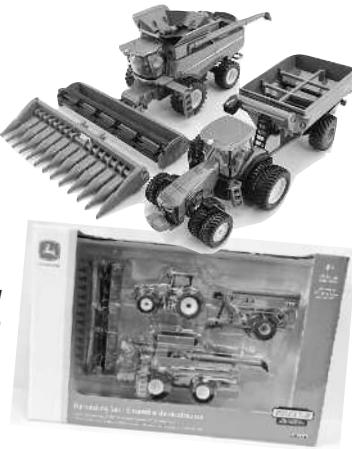
efforts, like 2013's "Million Meal Challenge", ongoing Shopping Sprees and KCFB's Harvest for ALL program have generated the equivalent of 2 million meals to local food pantries. Meeting attendees also learned about the NIFB's award winning "Milk2MyPlate" program, which uses contributions, grants and Farm Bureau member Harvest for ALL cash contributions to purchase (and sometimes directly deliver to food pantries) milk from Farm Bureau affiliated Prairie Farms Dairy.

Challenges of local food pantries were discussed, ranging

Farm toy of the month

We are in the middle of harvest season, so why not pick up a John Deere Harvesting Set for your little farmer. ERTL 1/64 replica set comes with a S680 Combine, 8360R Tractor and Frontier GC1108 Grain Cart. Suitable for all ages, this is sure to put a smile on a carpet farmer during the entire harvest season!

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October Featured Product Bratwurst

Back by popular demand and just in time for tail gate season! The special for October is Bratwursts. This box contains 20 award winning Bratwurst. We are selling each delicious box for \$23 for PLUS members, \$24 for KCFB members and \$26 for non-members. Fire up the grill and grab a box! Available during the month of October or while supply lasts.

1,000 gallon CHALLENGE

To help support the dairy industry and our neighbors in need, Kane County Farm Bureau is issuing a CHALLENGE to its members and the broader community - to provide 10,000 gallons of milk to area food pantries and the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Each \$2.34 will buy one gallon of nutritious milk for those less fortunate. Pledges/matches can be made in any amount.

Here's how you can help:

- Individuals:** Return the form on page ___ with your commitment to an area food pantry.
- Groups:** Issue a similar CHALLENGE to group members. Call 630 584-8660 for custom forms.
- Businesses:** Offer to "match" employee contributions. Call 630 584-8660 for forms/details.

Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation will administer the program with NO administrative or other fees to donors or recipients. 100% of your contribution goes to the local food pantry of your choosing. Questions? 630 584-8660

We have 31 Days of Christmas in December, do YOU?

Do you struggle with finding gifts that your friends and family actually want for the holidays? No one really wants a tie, socks, or Grandma's fruit cake, do they? Give them something now, to look forward to, for the whole month of December! A ticket for the Kane County Farm Bureau's "31 Days of Christmas" raffle could be the answer to your gift-giving woes and put you at the top of everyone's list of "best gifts ever".

The Kane County Farm

Bureau FOUNDATION will be selling tickets for their "31 days of Christmas" raffle starting mid-September. This unique raffle allows ticket holders the chance to win a prize every day for the whole month of December, with the opportunity to win more than one prize. All prizes are valued between \$150 and \$500. Winning numbers will be determined by the winning evening "Pick 3 Illinois Lottery" number for that day. Prizes will include a wide variety of outdoor favorites including kayaks, coolers, hunting and camping gear, and much more!

Winners will receive a Cabela's gift card in the exact (continued on page 3)



Reserve your lucky numbers now in the KCFB FOUNDATION'S "31 Days of Christmas" Raffle. It offers thousands of dollars in prizes and you can choose your prize with a Cabela's gift card good for the value of the prize!

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- October 3**
Region 2 Meeting, Gilman
- October 5-7**
FOUNDATION'S Fall Harvest Decoration Sale
- October 5-6**
Family Portraits
- October 5-7**
Manager's Membership Conference, NOLA
- October 11**
Board of Directors, 7:00pm
- October 18**
Ag Committee, CAB, 10:00am
- October 22**
Ingredient Farm Tour
- October 26**
Administrative Asst. Conference, Minooka

Harvesting time! Drive safely



Board Meeting review – September 13

The September meeting of the Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 13, 2018 by President Joe White. The agenda was approved on a motion by Bill Collins and seconded by Dale Pitstick. After B. Collins moved for the amendment of August's minutes, Jim Coens, Turf Division Manager for Conserve FS, began his presentation as the invited guest speaker for the meeting. The group was very impressed by the information he shared.

Program reports were given by respective board members starting with Rep. Peter Roskam's "Farm Shop" meet and greet at Kenyon Bros. Farms. Mike Kenyon shared what the Representative had focused on in his speech. Arnold reported on the Kane County Food Hub Tour for the County

Ag Committee as well as the recent NLRs Bioreactor Installation and Field Day and upcoming John Buck Memorial Golf Outing. Arnold also reported that staff has been busy preparing IFB Year End Reports, due the following day.

Upcoming KCFB programs were next on the agenda and it was noted the KCFB FOUNDATION meeting would be on Monday the 17th at 7pm. The following evening, also at 7pm, would be the anticipated "Milk, and Hunger" meeting to brainstorm promoting this commodity as well as hunger relief ideas. Two potential farm tours in October were discussed for large Chicagoland companies and Pitstick Farms was named as a location for a Victory Mixer in November for 2018 winners.

In unfinished business, Geneva Construction Company began work on the sidewalks

and parking lot of the KCFB and COUNTRY Financial building and will finish in the upcoming week. Miscellaneous details were discussed and as a fun way to involve Farm Bureau members and create lasting memories, ideas were brought up to accept farm tools or stamp/color the concrete near the northwest corner of the building.

In new business, legislators will be invited to October board meeting for the "Friends of Agriculture."

In the PR & Membership Report, Bill Collins reported the membership statistics and trends for 2007 – 2017 and what goals are for 2019. County, Region, and State membership trends were circulated and the PLUS Program initial results were discussed. A new FOUNDATION donation for scholarships was received from Mr.

Thomas Richter of Wayne.

In Government Affairs, the Effort & Accessibility Rating for both Congressman Peter Roskam and Randy Hultgren, brought up by Wayne Schneider, were reviewed as a group.

Other committee reports came from Suzi Myers and

included a written AITC report based on her activities during the month of August. In Young Farmers news, the 2019 A LOT program will be held in north-central Illinois. Lastly, the FOUNDATION report recapped the items to be discussed at the upcoming meeting

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KANE COUNTY FARM BUREAU BOARD ATTENDANCE JANUARY 2018 THRU DECEMBER 2018												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
C. BRADLEY	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
B. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
C. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
J. ENGEL		X	X	X	X	X		X				
G. GAITSCH			X	X	X		X	X				
B. GEHRKE	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
W. KECK		X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
M. KENYON	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
K. KETTLEKAMP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
D. LEHRER	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
A. LENKAITIS*				X	X	X		X	X			
N. LONG	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
D. PITSTICK	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		
W. SCHNEIDER	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X			
J. WHITE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			

*Elected to the board in April 2018

Roskam visits with FB members and locals at Kane County dairy farm

This year's meet and greet "farm shop" talk with Peter Roskam, at Kenyon Bros. dairy farm, was primarily focused on Trade. Always a hot topic, this year more than ever it is a concern, especially with production at record levels for the 5th straight year and prices dropping regularly. Roskam, Representative for Illinois' 6th congressional district, didn't beat around the bush when it came to sharing, with the group, as much information as he could about the current trade situation.

Topics and views he covered were the NAFTA trade agreement with Canada and Mexico, the TPP (Trans-Pacific Partnership), historical data from past presidencies, current European market needs, facts and figures of American farms that would be adversely affected by extended trade battles, and even immigration reform, which relates directly back to agriculture.

Being for a better deal, Roskam said, "I'm not for an all or nothing deal, you get nothing every time. Trade needs to be

defended, it needs to be articulated. We have to talk about it a lot. I'm an optimist, I think it will end up being better. The lesson is that both parties can't adhere to a mercantilist perspective."

Other concerns Roskam addressed were related to healthcare and taxes. He then thanked everyone for their support for the upcoming elections this fall. Concluding with a Q & A, Roskam took additional time to meet other members of the group as well as pose for a group photo opportunity.



Photos, top to bottom: A group of 14 people from Kane and DuPage Counties gathered at Kenyon Bros. Farm in South Elgin to hear Congressman Peter Roskam speak about important farm related topics like trade, healthcare, and taxes.



Taking time to talk to many members of the group before addressing them as a whole, Congressman Peter Roskam is shown here speaking directly to Bob Brackmann of St. Charles, representing DuPage County Farm Bureau. Steve Arnold, left, Manager of KCFB, Ellen Kamps, lower, Foxtrot Farms Co-Owner, and Joe White, right, KCFB President and Kane County Production Farmer, all chat about potential topics that Roskam may cover and what is going on in their immediate agricultural roles.

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.

Harvest decorations

The KCFB FOUNDATION wants to help make Kane County the most festive county in Illinois again this year by providing Farm Bureau members with decorations to complement your home. For the entire month of October the Kane County Farm Bureau office will be your one-stop-harvest-decoration-shop. Choose from a variety of garden mums, Indian corn,

gourds, pumpkins, straw bales, and corn shocks all produced from local growers.

Don't wait, as products are only available while supplies last. Proceeds from all sales benefit the Ag-in-the-Classroom and Scholarship programs of the Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION. For further inquiries or questions, contact our office at (630) 584-8660.



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Woodchip bio-reactor field day—a lesson in science & community

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful, sunny day for the Woodchip Bioreactor Field Day held at Meissner Prairie-Corron Preserve in Elgin. The event was hosted by the Kane County Farm Bureau, partnering with the Kane County Forest Preserve District, the Illinois Farm Bureau, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Kane-Dupage Soil & Water Conservation District, and The County of Kane, and welcomed farmers, farm bureau members, and anyone from the public to attend.

As the guests networked and chit-chatted amongst themselves, they also met with representatives from the KCFB Booth, the IFB booth, and the Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District, learning more about each organization exhibiting and coordinating to bring them this field day. Three students from ACES, the College of Agricultural, Consumer, & Environmental Sciences, set up an active scaled model bio-reactor for people to view as well.

Ken Anderson opened up the program with an extensive compilation of statistics related to Agriculture in Illinois. Some of the information shared included 75% of the land in Illinois is used for farming, 358 acres is the average size of a farm, Illinois Ag brings in \$19 billion dollars annually, there are 2,600 food manufacturing companies statewide, and the food and fiber industry employs over 1 million people in our state alone. He then began introductions for each of the presenters: Mike Kenyon, Chairman, Forest Preserve District of Kane County; Lauren Lurkins, Director of Natural & Environmental Resources, Illinois Farm Bureau; Tom Huddleston, Principal, Huddleston-McBride Drainage

Contractors; and Jodie Wollnik, Acting Director, Kane County Water Resources Division.

The first presenter, Mike Kenyon, spoke about how outstanding it was that all of the organizations present had worked together to accomplish this community enhancing project, benefiting all who visit the site. Being able to promote the learning of what can be done to correct the excess amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus in our watersheds will be the key to the future for all those in Kane County, whether one lives on a farm or lives in a city or suburb.

After each presenter explained how they had been involved and the role they played in the creation of the bioreactor, Steve Arnold, Manager of the Kane County Farm Bureau, shared with the group more information about what the Farm Bureau means to the community. Being a strong, respected voice for farmers and others who have a vested interest in agriculture, KCFB's public policy influence has helped secure several important firsts for Illinois farmers. Kane County was Illinois' first county to protect farms by ordinance from nuisance lawsuits in 1991; develop a Stormwater ordinance to protect farmland in 2000; establish a Farmland Protection Program in 2001; and assist farmers in maintaining productive soils with a farmland drainage assistance program in 2003.

It was then time for the group to make their way to the actual site of the woodchip bioreactor. Using visual aids such as a topographical map and pictures during the days it took to build the bioreactor, Tom Huddleston walked the group through the creation and even demonstrated how the water could be tested, using plates stored in the inflow control.

A question from the group was asked in regards to using the

area designated for the bioreactor. Tom assured the group that the inflow control structure, currently raised above the ground for viewing, could indeed be buried, allowing the farmer the ability to farm all of the land around and above the bioreactor. The goal is not to affect the amount of land that can be farmed, but to make a structure that can be accessed and causes minimal disruption to the field or area of land it's located.

At the conclusion of the physical bioreactor presentation, members of the group were free to explore the signage post-

Clockwise from top:

Tom Huddleston, Principal at Huddleston-McBride Drainage Contractors with megaphone in hand, points out how the water will drain from the field into the bioreactor, located where the visitors are standing. Lines were made on the ground to show inflow and outflow of water to and from the bioreactor.

Attendees shown here chatting before the Bioreactor Field Day program began – discussing current events, asking questions, and gathering information from the exhibitors present.

This picture shows how the plates, located in the inflow control of the bioreactor, are removed so the water that has passed through the woodchips can then be tested for nitrogen content.

ed at the sight and were able to get closer looks into the structure as well as observe the ground indicators for inflow and

outflow of the water. Lunch was served and the group expressed how pleased they were to have participated in the field day.



Dairy revenue insurance available October 9 from AFBIS

A new dairy insurance service from American Farm Bureau Insurance Services will bring an extra level of support to a dairy sector that has been battered by losses over the past four years.

AFBIS' Dairy Revenue Protection insurance policy, available by early October, covers potential revenue loss over

five quarterly insurance periods.

The insurance product was developed by American Farm Bureau Federation Chief Economist John Newton in partnership with AFBIS and economists from the University of Minnesota and Cornell University. It fills a demand not met by previous products.

"Farmers have been suffering, and dairy farmers especially," American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said. "The number of dairies that have had to close or sell to larger operations is shocking. We have always known revenue protection insurance could (continued on page 8)

10,000 gallon

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throughout the state, hoping to connect Feeding America and the Dairy Industry in a mutually beneficial and collaborative relationship to, with the lofty end goal, to provide every food pantry with a dairy program," said Steve Ericson, newly appointed Executive Director at Feeding Illinois. "Bottom line, the whole program is about getting necessary protein to those who need it and with milk being

a relatively inexpensive and protein rich food item, it's the obvious solution. With an abundance of milk in the market, it's so simple, it's frustrating, that this product can't be given to those who need it most."

Educating the public will also be an integral part of this campaign. With much inaccurate, online information, it's important that people are making fact-based decisions about milk and dairy. Proper nutrition is invaluable and getting the word out that milk is an easy way to get

protein at any meal, is critical. About the proposed campaign, VanKerkhoff said "Connecting local food producers with our urban communities and increasing access to fresh products is what Kane County's "Growing for Kane" Program is all about. This effect will increase local access to dairy products as well as raise awareness that there are dairy farmers in Kane County."

For more information on the "Challenge", contact Steve Arnold at 630-584-8660.

31 Days

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value of the prize. So if that prize you win isn't just right for you, choose something you desire (up to the value of your prize) from Cabela's wide selection of sporting goods.

All proceeds benefit KCFB FOUNDATION scholarship programs. Tickets will be on sale until November 30th for \$20 each. Purchase tickets with your

lucky number(s) now by completing the form on page 8, or by calling the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660. Ticket numbers are first come, first served. If we cannot meet your request, ticket number (s) will be assigned at random.

Don't forget, by upgrading your current Kane County Farm Bureau membership to PLUS status for only \$25, you will receive a FREE "31 Days of Christmas" raffle ticket mailed directly to you, PLUS other benefits (including a FREE Pillow Pet® that you can pick-up at our office, a FREE entry in our annual "Winner's Choice" Raffle and 10% off all your purchases at our Country Store inside the Farm Bureau office). The PLUS status package is a minimum \$60 value for only \$25! See page 8 for details.

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

For Individuals **OR** **For Groups**

Enclosed is a donation of:

\$23.40: 10 gallons _____

\$11.70: 5 gallons _____

Other amount _____

A Challenge "match" for:

____ gallons of milk (@ \$2.34 each)

contributions from employees of _____
business name

contributions from members of _____
club/group/school/church name

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

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

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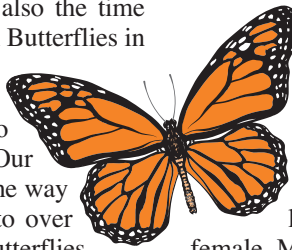
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AG LITERACY CORNER

By Suzi Myers



October is full of color: the red, orange, yellow, and browns that mark the turning of leaves and harvest time for crops. October is also the time when the Monarch Butterflies in all their colorful beauty begin the migration to warmer climates. Our Monarchs fly all the way down to Mexico to overwinter. Why the butterflies migrate to the same trees each year, even though they are 4



generations removed from the ones that travelled there last year is one of those questions that have scientists still seeking answers.

I first became interested in Monarchs when I was young, but about 25 years ago, I learned how to find the tiny little eggs that the female Monarch butterfly laid on Milkweed plants. I started hunting for these eggs at my sis-

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ter's cottage and then bringing them home to complete their life cycle.

Since I taught 4th grade at that time, I thought my class would benefit from watching this life cycle. With each first day of school, my unable to hold water anymore aquarium was set up with milkweed plants and various caterpillars eating away at the leaves. (School started too late for the students to see an egg, but they were able to see the teeny tiny caterpillars grow to be huge.) As the caterpillars grew, the need for more and more milkweed leaves kept me hunting roadsides and fields in search of the plants.

Then the day came when the caterpillar became a chrysalis

hanging on the cover of the aquarium or the underside of a leaf. A beautiful thing, pale green with dots of gold. (My students would search the bottom of the aquarium for the "mask" that the caterpillar shed as it formed the chrysalis.) About 9 days later, the chrysalis turned a dark blackish color...if you looked really closely, you could see the orange of the butterfly.

Next morning, hanging from the remnants of the chrysalis, was a crinkled up butterfly. Slowly, this butterfly would unfurl its wings and begin to flap them, getting ready to fly away to discover the world. Such beauty, radiant colors, graceful movements... with childhood wonder, we'd all marvel at the new life as we

took the aquarium outside to release the butterfly.

My classes all learned through this "science lesson" that they, like the caterpillars would go through some changes during their time in 4th grade, they'd grow through these changes and then fly off to be 5th graders and beyond.

I still find the eggs on my own milkweed plants each year (I finally got some to grow in my own yard so I don't have to raid the roadside daily for more stems). I marvel at the Monarch life cycles until they fly off to discover this wonderful world. I never cease to be amazed by the process. I've been lucky enough over the years to share this marvel with family, friends, and my students.

DeKalb CFB hosts District 1 & 2 Young Farmers discussion meet

This year's District 1 & 2 Young Farmers Discussion meet was held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Monday evening, August 20th. A total of 10 participants from surrounding counties Kane, Ogle, Carroll, Winnebago-Boone, and DeKalb were all present to tackle the topics chosen for discussion. Michael Long, Chase Borneman, and Carolyn Gehrke represented Kane County this year.

The first question of the event was focused on technology. Since it is one of the driving forces for innovation and advancement in agriculture, participants were asked to talk about their thoughts on how the industry can attract the best and the highest minds from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) into agricultural careers. With each giving an opening statement followed by 20 minutes of group discussion, the Young Farmers from District 1 and 2 were in agreement on many levels. In addition to classroom level Ag education, ideas related to social media, direct engagement with students at colleges, and ways to reach those already in STEM related careers were brought up.

The second question of the evening was membership driven. Associate members of the Farm Bureau are a driver of new ideas and support, so how can membership value be created as well as broadening the base of supporters in the Farm Bureau family. Participants were creative in their approach, suggest-

ing community outreach, appreciation picnics, and other events to involve and educate associate members on what they can do to encourage involvement.

Participants were judged on criteria ranging from Problem Solving and Implementation, Analysis of Topic or Problem, Delivery, and Cooperative Attitude. Their opening and closing statements also played an important part of how they were scored.



After each question, judges exited the room to score and tally participant. After both questions were tallied, winners were announced by Wayne Gehrke, District 1 representative from Maple Park. Winners from District 1 were announced first and included Christian Thurwanger of DeKalb County, Carolyn Gehrke of Kane County, and alternate Jacob Willrett of DeKalb County. From District 2, John Mitchell of Winnebago-Boone County, Aaron Mitchell of Winnebago-Boone County, and alternate Josh Bogle of Ogle County were the winners and would be advancing, along with the District 1 winners, to state. The State Discussion Meet will be held at the Palmer House Hotel, downtown Chicago, during the IAA Annual Meeting in December.

Help us assemble 'Safety Treats'—get a free lunch!

No experience necessary! Members are invited to assist in promoting Farm Safety Awareness by helping us place clever slogan labels on their appropriate candies Tuesday, October 16, from 10:30-2pm. A free lunch will be provided.

We will gather in the KCFB conference room and all volunteers wanting to make a difference in Farm Safety Awareness are welcome.



Volunteers are encouraged to take boxes of the assembled candies after the event to designated distribution points.

Be a Smartie® and please RSVP by Friday, October 12, by calling 630-584-8660 or emailing info@kanecfb.com.

Book of the month

From Wheat To Pasta follows the wheat that was grown and harvested by the farmer to the grain elevator; then to the flour mill where the kernels are ground and bagged; and finally to the pasta maker who creates the pasta. Each step is recorded in photos with short explanations of the process, until the pasta finally reaches the store where you buy it, cook and eat

the pasta. Easy enough for a youngster to grasp the process, yet photos are good enough for adults to enjoy the book also.

This book is available for check out from our KCFB educational library which created through the inspiration of Bob Konen and Dean Dunn. Please come in and check out the book of your choice.



From Wheat to Pasta by Robert Egan

Even the biggest goals start with simple steps

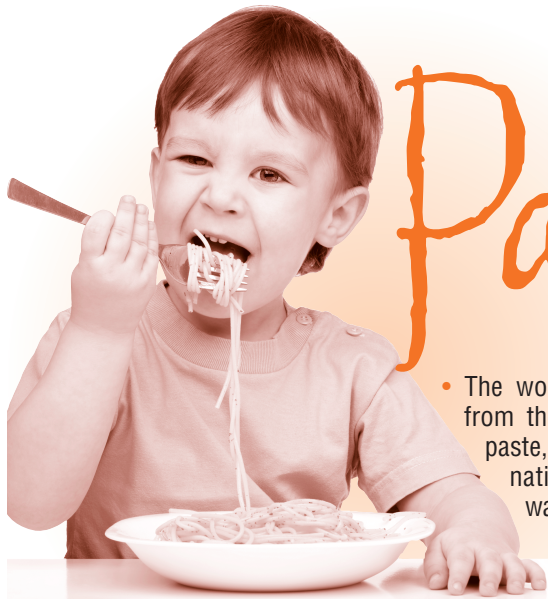
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Farm Facts @ Fun

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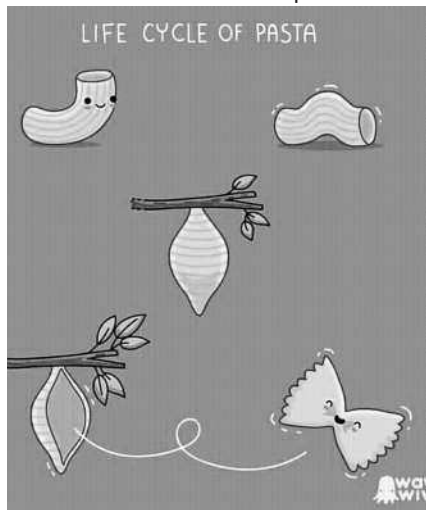


Pasta

- The word "pasta" comes from the Italian word for paste, meaning a combination of flour and water.
- The oldest noodles were found during an archeological exploration in China. The noodles, found in a bowl buried under 10 feet of dirt, were made from two types of grain grown in China for more than 7,000 years.
- Pasta can be organized into different groups: long: (spaghetti, angel hair), tubes: (penne), soup: (orzo and alphabet), stuffed: (tortellini, ravioli) and special shapes: (farfalle, fusilli).
- Pasta is very low in sodium and cholesterol-free.
- Per cup, enriched varieties provide a good source of several essential nutrients, including iron and several B-vitamins.
- Whole wheat pasta can provide up to 25% of daily fiber requirements in every one cup portion.
- Pasta is part of a well-balanced diet.
- Last year, 1.3 million pounds of pasta were sold in American grocery stores. If you lined up 1.3 million pounds of 16 oz. spaghetti packages, it could circle the Earth's equator almost nine times.

archeological exploration in China. The noodles, found in a bowl buried under 10 feet of dirt, were made from two types of grain grown in China for more than 7,000 years.

- The first commercial pasta plant in the U.S. was founded in Brooklyn, New York in 1848 by a Frenchman.
- According to a survey by the National Pasta Association, 77% of Americans surveyed eat pasta at least once a week, and 1/3 eat pasta 3 or more times a week.
- Thomas Jefferson brought a pasta making machine back with him in 1789, when he returned to America after serving as ambassador to France.



Pasta

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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St Charles, IL 60174 by October 15, 2018 to be entered in our drawing for a pasta themed prize.

Crockpot lasagna to chase the chill

- Ingredients:**
 1 pound Ground Beef
 Lasagna noodles
 1 jar spaghetti sauce
 1 1/2 cups cottage cheese
 1 1/2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese
 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- Directions:**
 Brown ground beef and drain.
 Spoon 1 cup spaghetti sauce in bottom of 4 quart crock pot.
 Mix remaining sauce with beef.
 Place 2 uncooked lasagna

noodles on sauce in crock pot.
 Spread 1/3 meat mixture on top of noodles.
 Spread 3/4 cup cottage cheese over meat.
 Sprinkle 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese over cottage cheese.
 Add another layer of uncooked noodles, 1/3 meat mixture, the remaining cottage cheese and 1/2 cup mozzarella cheese.
 Place another layer of uncooked noodles, meat mixture, and mozzarella cheese.
 Sprinkle Parmesan cheese

over top.
 Cook on low for 3 or 4 hours.
 Thanks to Family & Friends Recipes



12 types of pasta noodles and when to use them

There are approximately 500 different types of pasta around the world – and about four times that many names for them. For example, due to its shape, farfalle pasta is often called "butterfly" or "bowtie" pasta. Cooks use different shapes and sizes of pasta for different purposes.

- 1. Pappardelle**
A wide egg noodle with Tuscan origins, pappardelle is often served with hearty meat sauces.
- 2. Farfalle**
Also called bow tie pasta for its shape, farfalle (the Italian word for butterfly) makes a great cold pasta salad, and can also dress up a warm bowl of meat and veggies.
- 3. Shells**
Shells work in a variety of settings, depending on their size. If your shells are large enough, you can stuff and bake them, while

medium-sized shells work well in casseroles and with meat sauces. Reserve the smallest shells for adding to soups and stews.

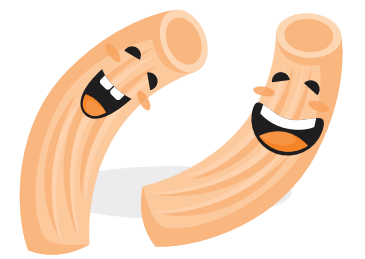
- 4. Campanelle**
Literally meaning "bellflowers," campanelle sports a very unique shape that's great at capturing thick, creamy, or meaty sauces. And they work wonders in cheesy bowls, too.
- 5. Bucatini**
Like spaghetti, but hollow, these unusual noodles taste great in casseroles, your favorite stir-fry recipe, or stewed in a broth with fresh tomatoes.
- 6. Angel Hair**
Angel hair is the thinnest type of pasta, made of long, very fine strands that cook quickly. Use delicate sauces with this narrow noodle, like a light tomato sauce or a broth, or simply cook it with butter and oil.
- 7. Acini de Pepe**
Sometimes referred to as pastina, acini di pepe means "small parts of the pepper" in Italian, alluding to its miniscule size and rounded shape, which makes it versatile enough to be welcome in a wide range of dishes.

es. Make it the mainstay of a cold salad or sprinkle it into a piping hot soup.

- 8. Gnocchi**
Gnocchi are tiny, soft dumplings traditionally made from potato, egg, and flour. This hearty pasta is perfect for rich sauces.
- 9. Orecchiette**
Italian for "little ears," orecchiette are shaped like pasta bowls, rendering them perfect for collecting sauce.
- 10. Orzo**
You'd be forgiven for mistaking this pasta for rice. The toothsome orzo is often found adding heartiness to soups and salads.
- 11. Penne**
This tube-shaped pasta is about two inches long and cut diagonally at both ends, making it a perfect bed for most sauces and toppings.
- 12. Ravioli**
These square pillows of dough can be filled with cheese, meat, veggies, or even seafood – hello, lobster ravioli – and served topped with sauce, in soups, or simply drizzled with olive oil.

Jokes:

CUSTOMER: "Do you have spaghetti on the menu today?"
 WAITER: "No, I cleaned it off."
 Q: What do Italians eat on Halloween?
 A: Fettuccini A-fraid-o
 Q: What would you get if you crossed pasta with a snake?
 A: Spaghetti that wraps itself around a fork
 Q: Where did the spaghetti go to dance?
 A: The meat ball!



October is ...

- National:**
 Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
 Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 Computer Learning Month
 Cookie Month
 Eat Country Ham Month
 National Diabetes Month
 Pizza Month
 Vegetarian Month
 Popcorn Popping Month
 Seafood Month
 National Pasta Month

Special Days

- 1 National Homemade Cookies Day
- 5 World Teacher's Day
- 8 Columbus Day
- 24 National Bologna Day and United Nations Day
- 25 World Pasta Day
- 30 National Candy Corn Day
- 31 Halloween

Congratulations

Jodi Uszler! Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search Puzzle. For her participation, she receives a bag of potato based products! Thank you, Jodi, for reading the Kane County Farmer and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.

Thanks to our Donors...

Our FOUNDATION is dedicated to providing agriculture based education for the next generation, and to meeting the challenge of providing food for a hungry planet. We look forward to continuing support for these scholarships, along with local classrooms and teachers, leadership training, and community youth education through grants to local FFA Chapters and 4-H.



Names shown are pledges received from August 17 through September 15, 2018.

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Thomas Richter, Wayne	KCFB FOUNDATION

Plan a day in the country

It's the perfect time of year to take the entire family outdoors! This fall, spend a day at your local apple orchard or pumpkin farm! Pick apples, go for a hay ride or choose the perfect pumpkin for your Halloween Jack-O-Lantern. Here are some great and local farms, perfect for a fall family outing. Visit www.bountyofkane.org for a complete list of direct farm markets and farmer's markets in Kane County.



- Kuiper's Family Farm**
01N145 Watson Road
Maple Park, IL
815-827-5200
Family u-pick apples, pumpkins, kids' activities, corn maze & more
- Enjoy Pioneer Farm**
17N400 Big Timber Road
Hampshire, IL
847-683-2863
Pumpkins, broom corn, corn stalks, Indian corn, straw, gourds, squash, & petting zoo
- Wiltse Farm Produce & Greenhouse**
50W379 Route 38
Maple Park, IL
815-739-2573
Fruits, vegetables, fall decorations, and a large selection of bedding plants, annuals, perennials, herb plants, etc.
- Windy Acres Farm**
37W446 Fabyan Parkway
Geneva, IL
630-232-6429
Fruits, vegetables, children's play area, pumpkins and gourds, and corn stalk maze

- Spring Bluff Nursery**
41W130 Norris Rd
Sugar Grove, IL
630-466-4278
U-pick vegetable garden, CSA program, and hundreds of quality perennials, grasses, roses, trees and shrubs
- Goebbert's Pumpkin Patch**
42W813 Reinking Road
Hampshire, IL
847-464-5952
U-pick pumpkins, petting zoo, pony rides, corn maze, & more
- The Pumpkin Wagon**
12N860 Route 20
Elgin, IL
847-697-2538
Pumpkins, squash, and straw
- Tom's Farm Market & Greenhouse**
10214 Algonquin Road
Huntley, IL
847-669-3421
Farm market, bakery, garden center, café, and gift shop

HAS IT REALLY BEEN A YEAR?

By Marty Keltner



There are so many sayings about how fast time goes – “Time flies when you are having fun” (Albert Einstein), or “Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana” (Groucho Marx), or even “You may delay, but time will not” (Benjamin Franklin). Needless to say, time doesn't slow down and therefore life doesn't either. I'm pretty sure that my near first year at the Farm Bureau is reflective of time just disappearing before my eyes!

My first few months at the Kane County Farm Bureau were filled with everything “new”. Taking on the communications position meant almost everything I would be doing was different than my previous life in fashion and even before that, on the ranch. I was excited to get back in to Ag and was overwhelmed by how much it had changed and how much I didn't know about Illinois Agriculture. Boy have I had to learn fast!

There are plenty of farms in Eastern Montana, but other than corn, wheat, and hay production, our differences are vast. Crops grown where I'm from, that I don't see here, are potatoes, sugar beets, and peas. I don't remember ever seeing soybeans growing up

and honestly never ate any (that I know of) until I moved to California. I grew up with fields of corn, wheat, oats, barley, and either alfalfa or grass for hay with lots and lots of critters – cows, horses, pigs, a few sheep, barn cats, our house cat Tuffy, and my Grandparents' Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Puno.

Having the opportunity to visit farms here in Kane County, owned and operated by our members, has been the highlight of my year here. Of course getting out of the office is welcome, but I have truly enjoyed each and every farm visit I've attended ranging from McDonald's corporate employees concerned with sustainability and supply chain to Kane County teachers, for all ages and subjects, interested in learning more about agriculture to better educate their students. I've even taken part in some legislator farm tours as well, giving me a better understanding of just how important policy is for our organization.

Another highlight of my year included my first Touch-A-Tractor event in April where I had the pleasure of helping set-up, maintain, and break-down,

Board review

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on September 17th: “2019 Winner's Choice Raffle”, “31 Days of Christmas Raffle”, and the Harvest Décor sale starting October 5th.

President Joe White stated his report, advising the group that he had been re-appointed to the IFB Grant Committee. ACTIVATOR Trustee reports showed that Pitstick, Syverson, & Sosnowski were confirmed as “Friends of Agriculture.” Stoddard and Keicher have been interviewed and Keicher received the ACTIVATOR endorsement.

Arnold gave a brief Manager's Report including the 2018 IAA Annual Meeting to be held December 1-5 and, to date, will donate a handmade quilt from Bonnie White. Mid-October the Hinkley-Big Rock FFA Chapter will be using the Young Farmer's Grain Bin Safety Display to educate middle school students. Arnold also

presented the District 1 Directors' monthly report.

Correspondence was circulated from: Lee Strom, CEO, IALF – thanks for the KCFB contribution to IALF (\$1,500); Sheriff Donald Kramer – thanks for the Young Farmers' participation in National Night Out; Lenkaitis Holsteins – thanks for the use of tables and chairs for National Convention/Tour Midwest RWDC; Abigail DeDina – thanks for purchasing animals at Blue Ribbon Sale (2); Ethan Stolquist – thanks for 4-H trophy/plaque sponsorship; and Jenn Harvell – thanks for 4-H trophy/plaque sponsorship. Correspondence was sent to Rodney Oxe, Batavia – thanks for farm toy donations (FOUNDATION) and Jackie Coleman (and 4 others) – follow-up thanks for call/visit and INVITATION to JOIN the Farm Bureau.

The next scheduled Kane County Farm Bureau Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, October 11, 2018, at 7:00pm.

but better yet, be a fly on the wall and take pictures for the *Farmer*. Watching the kids play in the corn corrals, drive pedal tractors, bang on pots and pans without the worry of being too loud, and racing through the culverts, I couldn't have asked for a better weekend. Seeing the genuine excitement on so many faces, including adults, when they saw the vintage tractors and modern farm equipment, was priceless. So many memories were made!

I've also really enjoyed my work with the FOUNDATION and the Young Farmers. Through the FOUNDATION, I have learned so much about how we promote and support agriculture-related careers, local hunger relief, and community outreach. Working with the Young Farmers I have found inspiration and new-found excitement for the future. The passion each has for what they are involved in is contagious and I'm hopeful more young people will follow. I wish I would have known the potential jobs available to me in the agriculture field when I was younger. All I knew was what was around me, not what global companies exist and that by going into STEM related fields, I could still be a major part of the agriculture industry.

To sum things up, my first year here at the Kane County Farm Bureau has been great – I've challenged myself, I've learned a lot, and I'm excited about the future of agriculture and what lies ahead.

Cover Crops Field Guide App

The Midwest Cover Crops Council has made its popular pocket field guide available as a mobile app for iPhone and Android users. Producers can access all the same cover crops information available in the guide. The application version includes additional photos and links to other useful information. The app will download for free, but to access all information, there is a \$2.99 yearly subscription fee. The printed field guide is available online from the Purdue Extension Education Store. Look for the app on the App Store or Google Play.



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The Count Down Has Started – FREE Portraits for Members

Friday, October 5 from 2-8pm and Saturday, October 6, from 10am-4pm, the Kane County Farm Bureau will be hosting Professional Portrait Sittings for members and offering a FREE 8” x 10” full color print of you, you and your family, or you and your friends! Appointments are available, but fill up fast, please call 630-584-8660 to schedule a day and time.

Obtain IL Harvest Season Emergency (HSE) permits thru 12/31/18

Effective September 10, 2018, Governor Bruce Rauner declared an emergency harvest situation.

Just as with any other overweight permit, it must be obtained from the highway jurisdiction on whose roads you intend to operate. Where your route crosses several road jurisdictions (e.g.: state, county, township) you'll need several permits – one for each jurisdiction.

For state highways, a separate permit must be obtained for each overweight truck moving agricultural commodities at the higher weights. Unlike last year, the 2018 HSE permit issued by IDOT is valid for only two weeks at a time. At the end of those 14 days, the carrier must obtain a new "14-day route authorization" for the permit. This periodic renewal is intended to account for any change in

capacity of a road or bridge along the permitted route over that span of time.

Farmers are reminded that any weight limit postings along the route (road or bridge) supersede the terms of the overweight permit. They are encouraged to check in frequently during those two weeks at IDOT's online Illinois Transportation Automated Permits (ITAP) system to verify there have been no changes in route size or weight tolerances.

IDOT's Harvest Season Emergency Permit allows travel only on state routes. It does not cover travel on Interstates or local routes. Separate permits may be available on local roads at the option of that local jurisdiction. HSE permits are not available for Interstate highway travel.

The issued permit, a copy of form OPER 993, the bi-weekly route authorization and a copy

of the Governor's Harvest Season Emergency proclamation 2018 must be carried in the overweight vehicle. The permit and bi-weekly route authorization can be carried electronically on a smart phone or tablet.

This statewide declaration allows a maximum of 10 percent above the standard limits for gross, axle and registered weights. The 10 percent limit is the maximum a jurisdiction may offer. Any jurisdiction could, instead, issue a permit for an overweight less than 10 percent above the standard limit.

Remember, you'll need to turn to local jurisdictional officials for information on what they will require.

IDOT's automated system will direct a permitted load away from any weight-restricted route segments and bridges. That could easily mean traveling

something other than the most direct route to the farmer's destination, adding miles. If that's the case, farmers will need to decide whether it's more advantageous to take a heavier load the longer route or to load lighter at the

standard weight and use the shorter route.

More information and IDOT's permits for state routes are available online at the ITAP website: <https://webapps.dot.illinois.gov/ITAP/>.

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



Felipe Rocha

August of 2011. His office is located at 541 N. Lake Street, Aurora. Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations on your success!

What's new in the COUNTRY agencies?

Aurora Agency, Kevin Gomes, Agency Manager

ORAZIO DIFRUSCOLO has been named the Rep of the Month for August 2018 in the St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Robert J. Effner, Sr., CLF®, LUTCF. Orazio has provided tangible plans for addressing the immediate and long term insurance needs of his clients through COUNTRY Financial's diverse products and services: Auto, Farm, Home, Life, Business, Retirement. Let Orazio's expertise help you! You may reach Orazio at 630-549-7696, orazio.difruscolo@countryfinancial.com, or <https://representatives.countryfinancial.com/orazio>.

difruscolo/. Congratulations, Orazio!

St. Charles Agency, Bob Effner, Agency Manager

Nathan Galliard, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for August, 2018. Nathan began his career with COUNTRY Financial in July of 2009 and services clients out of his office located at: 1921 Wilson Street-Batavia, (630) 907-1075. Nathan's professionalism and vast knowledge of auto, home, life, commercial and financial products make him a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Nathan!

In appreciation

To thank those who have helped the Kane County Farm Bureau & FOUNDATION in some way, big or small, to remind us of our history, who we are and whom we serve, and to advance our mission to make a brighter tomorrow for farms, families and food.

County Fair volunteers – Farm Bureau members, board members, FFA advisors and students.

Silent Auction & Bucket Raffle Donations – for those who donated items or services to make our Silent Auction and Bucket Raffle a successful fundraiser for FOUNDATION scholarships.

2018 Winner's Choice Raffle ticket, Silent Auction Bidders, & Bucket Raffle ticket buyers – for supporting the FOUNDATION fundraisers this year.

Luck-E Holsteins, Dennis, Beth, Joe, & Matt Engel – for hosting a farm tour for 66th District State Rep Allen Skillicorn and District Director,

Julie Schmidt.

Lenkaitis Holsteins, Andy & Sarah Lenkaitis – for providing "farm zoo" animals at the Kane County Fair.

Stevie Theis, Theis Farm II – for setting up a bi-weekly summer Farmers Market at the FB, and for donating a portion of the proceeds for KCFB FOUNDATION scholarships.

Buck Bros. Inc – for organizing the John Buck Memorial Golf Outing to support KCFB FOUNDATION John Buck Memorial Scholarships.

Michael Kenyon – for hosting a farm shop meeting with Congressman Peter Roskam.

Susan Frederitzi – for hosting a Defensive Driving Class

for seniors here at the KCFB.

Young Farmer Volunteers – for participating in St. Charles' "National Night Out" by answering questions about the GSI portable Grain Bin Safety Display as well as creating excitement for kids about farming.

Rodney Oxe – for donating various models of collectible tractors to the FOUNDATION for fundraising efforts.

Jason White – for providing equipment for our parking lot reconstruction and our Woodchip Bioreactor Field Day.

Joe White, Chris Collins, and Bill Collins – for sacrificing part of their Saturday for helping to move a shed on the Farm Bureau property.



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Food Hub tour, powered by Dream Hub

In December 2017, we featured an article that a local, Kane County food hub would be launching in early 2018, operated by Dream Hub/PKE Enterprises. Two-years in the making, the concept for the food hub was seen as a potential resource for farmers, enabling them to wash, package, and distribute their food products to wholesale buyers who they would normally not have access to with the help of Dream Distributor's connections.

Fast forward to early Fall 2018, Matt Tansley, Land Use Planner, County of Kane, organized a Food Hub Tour in coordination with hosts Kevin Echevarria, CEO of Dream Hub and John Richards, Co-Founder & Partner Dream Kitchen. The goal – show local County of Kane Officials, Rush Copley "Fresh & Local RX" CSA pilot program coordinators, Kane County Farm Bureau staff, and Northern Illinois Food Bank employees – just how far they have come by touring both Dream Kitchen and Dream Hall in Elgin.

The Dream Kitchen and

Dream Hall have both experienced monumental growth in the past year and with a "roll-up your sleeves attitude", all those involved have really made what was a "Food Hub Concept" only



a short time ago, a reality for the community. With small beginnings, 4-5 staff members, the Dream Kitchen and Hall has increased to 20 staff members, often hiring members currently renting space in the Dream Kitchen.

Increases have been equally abundant with the farmers supplying product; starting with 5-6 farms, Wiltse, Klein's, Big Rock Organics, etc., they are now receiving produce from 12 local farms. Currently supporting 27 active member companies that

use the Dream kitchen for their processing operations, they see great growth potential with future plans of expansion. Being FDA and USDA approved also adds value to the long list of member benefits that come with micro-leasing at the facility.

"We began with a great vision, started slowly, and everything has been done purposely." John Richards said, who also attributes their success to three things. "Everyone involved grew up in Kane County, so it's meaningful to us. I have a long experience in the packaged food industry, Kevin and his father in running a restaurant and in real estate, and we have a strategic plan that we stick to."

Besides supplying the necessities like refrigerator and freezer space, stoves, work space, washing equipment, etc., Dream Kitchen also provides safety training for their local growers. The Dream Hub goal is not only

Because of cooperation with partners like the American Farm Bureau Federation, we are able to offer this new product in a way that it can be flexible based on the needs of dairy producers," Bill Northey, Under Secretary, Farm Production and Conservation, said.

Dairy farmers will have the option to select between class or component pricing options. The class pricing option uses an average of Class III and Class IV milk prices based on the insured's declared class price weighting factor. The component

pricing option uses butterfat, protein and other solids prices, as well as the declared butterfat and protein test to determine an insured component value of milk. Pricing options allow farmers to customize their price elections more accurately according to individual price risk.

Coverage options start at 70 percent and are available up to 95 percent, in 5 percent increments.

For more information, visit www.dairyrb.com and <https://www.fb.org/market-intel/dairy-revenue-protection-is-here>.

to aggregate with integrated services from Dream Brand, Dream Kitchen EDU, Dream Solutions, Dream Distributors, and Dream Foods, but educate. Members have access to the help they need to build business plans, utilize marketing and design services, and open up new markets to sell their product.

A typical week at the Dream Kitchen varies, but fundamentally remains the same with the basis of their work being to distribute the fresh produce, supplied by the farmers. Produce is packed in CSA programs, is sent to markets and grocery stores, or

is supplied to restaurants. Keeping track of the produce that comes in is detailed process and is taken very seriously. All product is stickered when it arrives from the farms; their coding system is important so that they know where the food is from and exactly what time it is received.

What is the future of the Dream Hub? Year-round distribution will be next with frozen foods, hydroponics, and greenhouses. CSA's, they believe, are also the future, and they hope to continue to provide opportunities at both ends.



Anne Sonneman, Kindergarten teacher at St. Laurence Catholic School in Elgin, stopped by the KCFB office in early September to pick up classroom supplies. "I love the free resources. I pick up and choose articles in the Ag Mags to impact curriculum. We typically buddy with an upper grade class to read an article." Anne has been familiar with the Farm Bureau and Ag-in-the-

Classroom for many years. "I have taken both Summer Ag Institutes and received the Illinois Ag Grant in 2009," Anne shared.

KCFB has many resources for schools, teachers and classrooms, including an AITC lending library. For more information on FREE resources, or to join our email list, call the KCFB at 630 584-8660 and ask for Suzi, or send an email to aitc@kanecfb.com.

Want a greater connection to the farm? Professional membership is tailor-made for you!

If your paycheck depends on food, farms, or agriculture, we would like YOU to consider becoming a Kane County Farm Bureau "Professional" member. This new class of membership was designed for those with farm connections – whose career path may have led them away from daily chores. It seeks to offer a greater connection to the world of agriculture, local farms and food.

The Board of Directors has approved NEW exclusive member benefits in information services, educational offerings, leadership development & professional networking for KCFB Professional members. This includes Ag, Farm, & Food news delivered to your door weekly through the Illinois Farm Bureau's *FarmWeek*, monthly via this publication, the *Kane County Farmer* and quarterly through *Partners* magazine.

Another exclusive of Professional membership in KCFB is FREE registration to attend 1 of 6 Illinois Farm Bureau statewide conferences on farm, food and agriculture topics. Registration for these networking and learning opportunities alone cost several times the annual cost of membership dues, and included is the American Farm Bureau Federation conference and trade show, held in various sun-belt cities throughout the US each January. This offer is valid during the first year of membership and conferences are held during various times throughout the year.

As a professional member,

you will also receive a directory of local farms that sell direct to the public, notification of Farm Bureau seasonal direct food sales (peaches, fall harvest, fresh turkeys, citrus, etc.) and can help us advocate for area farms & farmers, promote local foods & global trade, support farmland protection, champion hunger relief & awareness, protect national resources, and defend property rights.

In addition to these exclusive member benefits, you will also have access to \$500 Ford Bonus Cash or \$750 Lincoln Bonus Cash, hundreds of other money saving benefits – and will be able to download our Illinois Farm Bureau phone app, with over 302,000 member discounts!

For those who are already Farm Bureau "A" (Associate) members – you can upgrade or "re-classify" to this new Professional membership class and receive all the benefits offered in addition to what you have already been enjoying. Do it by July 31 and get a FREE Pillow Pet!

The Kane County Farm Bureau would like to encourage any Associate Member who is employed in an agriculture related field and has a strong interest in the future of agriculture to consider upgrading to the Professional membership classification. Please contact Liz at the Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660 or email us at member@kanecfb.com for more information.

Dairy insurance

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help farmers weather this storm, but no one offered it. That's why AFBIS is stepping up and rolling out this insurance now, when the need is so great. We appreciate the support from the Agriculture Department and look forward to the rollout by October 9."

USDA officials support the move toward revenue insurance for dairies. "Expanding the federal crop insurance program to markets that need it is key to an effective farm safety net.

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