

Kane County Farmer



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

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Save the date!

Dedications & raffle drawing at KCFB on October 13

The KCFB Foundation will draw the Grand Prize winner in its annual Vintage Truck Raffle on Thursday, October 13 on the front lawn at Kane County Farm Bureau. The Foundation will also host its last drive-thru BBQ of the season, from 3-7 p.m. that day.

On October 13 we invite

No sticks; STONES WELCOME at KCFB garden

We are seeking stones, softball- to football- to basketball-sized, to help expand and complete our revised Illinois Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden at KCFB.

The stones will be used to border the river valleys in the expanded garden in the shape of Illinois. The river valleys will double as walking paths to interpretative signage within the garden.

If you have field stones you can drop off, pulled from farm fields over the generations or left-overs from your last landscaping project, please feel free to bring them by our office on Randall Road in St Charles over the coming weeks and months. We'll help unload 'em! For more information, please call us at 630-584-8660.

KCFB CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2022

- 1-2** Illinois Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden PUBLIC PLANTING – 9-5 each day at KCFB
 - 5** Labor Day – Office Closed
 - 8** Scholarship fundraiser BBQ drive thru, 3-7pm Board of Directors, 7pm
 - 14** 20th Anniversary John Buck Golf Outing, Crystal Woods G.C., Woodstock
 - 15** Agriculture Cmte, Kane County Bd.
 - 17** Mums and Fall Décor Sale starts
 - 18-24** National Farm Safety & Health Week
 - 19** Office Hours with Rep. Keith Wheeler 2:30-4:30 (see p6)
- (All at KCFB, 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles unless otherwise noted)

members to pick-up their pork chop/chicken dinners in our parking lot, then park their cars, bring their lawn chairs and stay for the raffle drawing. Last year's winner, Mark Harbison of Batavia was present at the drawing when his name was pulled from the raffle ticket drum. You could have the same good luck.

KCFB will also honor the legacy of leadership and volunteerism of this 100+ year old association on October 13 with a look back, and a look to the future. Nine trees on the Farm Bureau lawn will be dedicated to past leaders and to

farmer/members who have passed in recent years.

Looking to the future, the Farm Bureau will dedicate two new community educational resources, its newly installed Little Lending Library of farm and food themed books and resources, and its Illinois Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden, which will be expanded beginning the last week of August and the first week of September.

We invite you to come celebrate the past and look forward to the future. Call 630-584-8660 to reserve your BBQ dinners for October 13, and don't forget the September 8 drive-thru too!



2021 Vintage Truck Raffle winner Mark Harbison with his raffle prize. KCFB Foundation will draw the 2022 winning ticket on October 13th.

Drive-thru BBQs for KCFB Foundation

Two drive-thru BBQ events remain for this year, and our next BBQ drive-thru for college scholarships is Thursday, September 8th on the parking lot at the Farm Bureau on Randall Rd. in St. Charles.

From 3 pm to 7 pm, drive-thru diners can choose from 3

meals at \$16 each (if paid in advance), a 2 pork chop meal; or 2 chicken quarters; or a 1 pork chop, 1 chicken quarter combo. All meals will come with baked beans, coleslaw, apple sauce, a roll and butter.

The Farm Bureau parking lot will be set up for fast and con-

venient drive-thru service – order for the entire family! Meals will also be available on a limited basis for drive-ups without a reservation at a slightly higher, \$17 price.

All sales will benefit the KCFB Foundation and meal reservation, and pre-payment is

encouraged. To reserve your meals and pre-pay, return the form on page 3 or call KCFB at 630-584-8660.

**Sept. 8
Oct. 13**



Get your tickets for our Vintage Truck Raffle!

Proceeds benefit college scholarships, ag literacy programs, and local FFA chapters. See page 6 for order form.

Farm toy of the month

Harvest time is near, and your farm minded youngsters will need the equipment to get the job done! This John Deere 8260R tractor and grain cart is a harvest workhorse combo! Recommended for kids 8 and up. Regular price is \$45, but Farm Bureau members get a 10%

discount in September. Stop by to pick up your kid-sized tractor/grain wagon and shop our selection of locally grown mums, pumpkins and fall décor!



September Featured Food

Lemon-Rosemary Pork Roasts

The special this month is a box of 3 individually wrapped, 24 ounce boneless pork roasts cut from the most tender part of the pork loin. The roasts can be cooked just like beef to an internal temperature of 145°F, sliced thin and used as an entrée. Each roast is netted together and vacuum sealed to preserve the lemon-rosemary marinade. The special is offered for \$26.60 to Farm Bureau members; Plus Status members always receive a 5% discount on edible products at the Farm Bureau!

The MUMS are back! Fall Harvest Décor arrives in September

Back by popular demand – beautiful fall colors of mums and other décor! With fall right around the corner, it's time to think about decorating your home or business with fall harvest décor from the Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION.

This yearly fundraiser, with all proceeds benefitting Ag Literacy and scholarship programs, is sure to be your one-stop-shop for fall décor. Choose

from straw bales, corn shocks, garden mums, Indian corn, small gourds, and all sizes of pumpkins! We have it all and expect décor to arrive and sale to start Saturday, September 17th. It will be displayed on our lawn and on the parking lot area directly in front of Costco.

For details, see page 8. Follow us on Facebook for updates or call (630) 584-8660 with any questions.

Mums will be available Saturday, September 17th

Pre-orders must be in by September 16th

Pre-orders can be picked up starting Friday, September 23rd



Mums will be available Saturday, September 17th

County proposes text amendments for farms and local food businesses

The Kane County Development & Community Services Department is working to advance the Kane County Board's "Growing for Kane Program" by proposing text amendments to the Kane County Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments are intended to be responsive to the changing needs of farmers and local food businesses in Kane County and to streamline administrative approvals for permits.

The proposed amendments will provide several new definitions that address the County's growing agritourism industry. The goals of the amendments are to make it easier for local

growers to sell their products directly to consumers as well as for consumers to access healthy food products and share in the farm experience through direct sales, activities, entertainment and events.

Kane County has seen an increase in proposed agricultural venues integrated with working farms. By creating new definitions and listing them in the appropriate zoning districts, the amendments will provide farmers and policy makers with clear paths for evaluating and potentially approving these uses where appropriate in the agricultural and other areas. The draft amendments will also explicitly allow certain less

intensive agritourism uses as permitted uses, thereby only requiring a permit to safely establish the use rather than going through a rezoning process.

To view these proposed amendments, click on the QR code below.



Kane Co. recycling guide available at KCFB

Recycling and living a greener life in 2022 are spelled out in the 2022 Kane County Recycles Green Guide, a yearly newsletter produced by the Kane County Division of Environmental Resources.

Stop by KCFB for your copy of this newsletter filled with instructions and guidelines for recycling electronics, aerosol and propane canisters, household hazardous waste, pumpkins, scrap metal, and much more. This is a handy guideline for all households and businesses in Kane County.



Proposed Schedule

September, 2022	Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing (TBD)
October 18, 2022	Development Committee – Review Draft Text Amendments & Comments
October 20, 2022	Agriculture Committee – Review Draft Text Amendments & Comments
November or December, 2022	County Board Adoption

Rain garden redux

KCFB staff and volunteers invited members and the community to assist in the expansion of a pollinator – rain garden in late August and early September to transform this space on the lawn from an 18' x 35' oval into a 60' x 100' Illinois shaped garden. KCFB Directors got a preview of the expansion plans at their August Board of Directors meeting where they posed on the lawn to invite the community to assist in the replanting and expansion.

The Illinois Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden, as designed by Encap Inc., will drain water from the KCFB parking lot through channels shaped like the Fox, Des Plaines, Illinois and Mississippi Rivers to a rain garden at the lower end for treatment. The rivers will double as walking paths to interpretative signage. Overflow will enter the roadside surface drainage across a berm on what would be the mid-Mississippi and lower Ohio Rivers in the design.

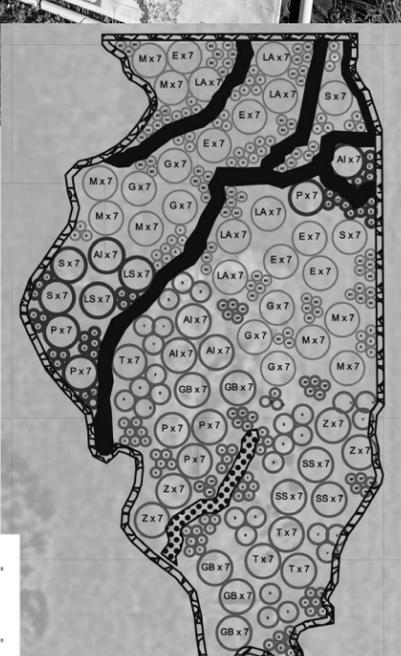
With over 800 plants to put in the ground, depending on when this issue of the Kane County Farmer reaches your mailbox,

there may still be work for volunteers and families. Call 630-584-8660 to find out more, and IF it is complete, please see "Stones, no



sticks", on page 1 to see how you can be a part of this land transformation and community education resource over the coming weeks and months.

Photos, top to bottom: The pollinator garden before its transformation; KCFB Board of Directors smile at the August meeting as they anticipate the garden expansion; Encap, Inc. designed the garden expansion with rivers and plenty of pollinator friendly plants



Farmer Randy Wilkening sells sweet corn on a hot August day from the back of his truck at the edge of the KCFB parking lot. With our high traffic location, farmers that sell direct to the public can find new customers and quickly sell excess produce. KCFB allows farmers who are regular members to sell from the KCFB parking from May to September 15, after having made prior arrangements with our office. For more information, call 630-584-8660 and ask for Steve.

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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				
B. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
C. COLLINS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
K. ENGEL^						X	*	*				
J. ENGEL		X	X	X	*	X	X	X				
G. GAITSCH	*	X	*	X	X	X	X	X				
B. GEHRKE	*	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				
K. KETTLEKAMP	X	*	X	X	X	X	X	X				
D. LEHRER	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
A. LENKAITIS			*		X		*	X				
D. PITSTICK	X	X	X	X		X	X	X				
W. SCHNEIDER	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
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* Attendance by electronic means. ^ Elected to Board June 2022.

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Test your well in October! Private well test kits available Oct. 17-28

The Kane County Farm Bureau and Kane/DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District offer water testing in October this year. A high quality water supply is vital for families, and well testing helps provide peace of mind and identifies potential problem areas for homeowners of Kane County.

The well testing program has three simple steps: (1) pick up and pay for a water test kit at Kane County Farm Bureau between Monday, Oct. 17, and Friday, Oct. 28; (2) at home, collect a water sample as close

as possible to turning it in; and (3) return the water sample to KCFB or Kane/DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District on Monday, October 31. Results will be mailed to your home.

Three kits are available and prices vary:

A. Basic Package (Nitrate Package) – \$45.00

Test for nitrate, nitrite, ammonia, chloride, sulfate, soluble phosphorus, silica and specific conductivity.

C. Metals – \$95.00

Test for 23 different metals.

All kits include detailed sampling instructions. KCFB or Kane/DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District can provide additional information about each test.

The certified lab at Heidelberg College Water Quality Laboratory in Tiffin, OH tests all samples. The lab is nationally recognized for its work testing rivers and lakes.

Mark your calendar for a FALL water test or call Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 with questions.

Letters of thanks from scholarship recipients

Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, the KCFB Foundation awarded \$27,000 in college scholarships for the 2022-23 school year. Scholarship recipients and their parents were recognized at an awards ceremony on July 15. Printed below are expressions of thanks received from some of this year's 18 scholarship recipients. The KCFB Foundation will publish one or two of these messages per month to share with our readers and donors the gratitude expressed by these students for YOUR generosity.

Dear Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation –

I am writing to thank you for your generous \$1,000 AGCO Global Women's Network Scholarship.

I feel very honored and appreciative to have received this scholarship.

This fall, I will be attending Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. I plan to major in Biology and minor in Animal

Science. After earning my B.S., I will attend veterinary school to eventually gain my doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. This scholarship will help me greatly by lessening the financial burden of eight years of schooling.

Thank you once again for your generosity!

Celeste Cummings

Dear Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation –

I am writing to thank your organization for the generous \$1,500 scholarship I have been chosen to receive. I was incredibly honored when I learned I would be a recipient of this scholarship. The gift to educate myself is an absolute dream come true, and your organization's contribution has helped me make it a reality.

I have always had a passion for wildlife and agriculture, one that is ever-present in the countless photo books my mom has kept filled with pictures of me with all sorts of critters. I am taking this passion with me into

the future by double majoring in biology and wildlife ecology at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point this fall. This campus will be an excellent place for me to study the biological and environmental sciences due to their passionate professors and emphasis on hands-on outdoor learning. I hear that many of my classes will meet on the beautiful Schmeckle Reserve just a walking distance from campus.

I would once again like to reiterate my appreciation for this scholarship. By awarding me the Kane County Farm Bureau Agricultural Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, allowing me to focus on the most important aspect of school: learning. Your gift has truly inspired me to help others and give back. I hope one day I am able to be as generous as your organization and help other students achieve their goals.

Sincerely,
Ella Follman

Anhydrous ammonia certified grower training available

Are you a grower who works with anhydrous ammonia on the farm in Illinois?

Illinois growers or grower farm operators who transport or apply anhydrous ammonia, or maintain anhydrous ammonia equipment, are required to participate in a free 'Certified Grower Training,' approved by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The requirement applies to growers, as well as all grower family members, full-time and part-time hired help, and anyone else providing anhydrous ammonia services at no

fee who would transport or apply anhydrous ammonia, or maintain the equipment. Ongoing training opportunities are being offered for growers and grower farm operators. Certification is valid for three years after being initially certified.

The training covers properties of ammonia, safe operating practices, what to do if a leak or emergency occurs, personal protective equipment and first aid, and transportation safety.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture worked closely with

the Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, Illinois Corn Growers Association, and the Illinois Soybean Association to develop the module.

This training platform provides a reliable source for information and continuing education to keep farmers and citizens safe.

For online training, go to the Illinois Department of Agriculture website for more information. See the ad below for a list of locations and dates and register today.



ANHYDROUS AMMONIA
Certified Grower Training

● FALL 2022 DATES

FREE In-Person Training

Please contact Jenny Eisenbeis at 309-557-3207 with any questions.

Training starts at 1:00 PM at all locations

SEPT. 12TH
ASMARK AGRICENTER,
BLOOMINGTON

SEPT. 13TH
DEER VALLEY BANQUETS,
DEER GROVE

SEPT. 14TH
KNOX AGRICENTER,
GALESBURG

SEPT. 15TH
PRAIRIE VIEW
RECEPTION CENTER,
CHATHAM

SEPT. 16TH
UNIQUE SUITES HOTEL,
CHARLESTON

OCT. 4TH
ASMARK AGRICENTER,
BLOOMINGTON

Register at
ILFB.ORG/NH3



Among seven trees planted at the Kane County Farm Bureau in August, a White Oak was put on the front lawn near the building's entrance. The tree was planted in honor of John White Jr. of Elburn, who served as Kane County Farm Bureau President from 1968-73 before going on to serve as Illinois Farm Bureau Vice-President from 1973-83 and Illinois Farm Bureau President from 1983-93. In the picture above, a hole is dug to place the 12' tall tree, at right is the tree in front of the building with a low hanging branch arcing gracefully toward the flagpole.

White is shown in a photo from the era when he served as KCFB President, from its place on the wall of the Board/Conference Room at KCFB. It and 48 others like it honor the 49 farmers who have led the Kane County Farm Bureau in the past 110 years.

See page 6 for more tree planting photos.

National Farm Safety and Health Week 2022



September 18-24, 2022

Daily Topics of Focus

- Monday, September 19, 2022 – Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety
- Tuesday, September 20, 2022 – Overall Farmer Health
- Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture
- Thursday, September 22, 2022 – Confined Spaces
- Friday, September 23, 2022 – Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture

History

The 2019 data for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in

America with 573 fatalities, or an equivalent of 23.1 deaths per 100,000 workers. Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week. This annual promotion initiated by the National Safety Council has been proclaimed as such by each sitting U.S. President since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944. National Farm Safety and Health Week is led by the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), the agricultural partner of the National Safety Council.



Kane County Farm Bureau
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for the future of farms & food

September 8
Drive Thru BBQ
Fundraiser

Please reserve:

Pork chop dinners Chicken quarter dinners
 Pork chop/chicken combo dinners

Please enclose payment of \$16 per dinner. Make checks payable to Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Visa / MC _____ Exp. date ____ / ____

CRV _____ Phone (____) _____

Return to: KCFB Foundation • 2N710 Randall Rd., St. Charles, IL 60174 or call 630-584-8660.

AG LITERACY CORNER

By Kelcee Miller, Development & Ag Literacy Program Coordinator



Hello Kane County!

Can we believe school is back in session? Summer sure has a tendency to fly by, but as the saying goes, time flies when you're having fun!

Joanie Stiers's column this month truly highlights the servant and selfless nature of farmers and agriculture professionals.

Stiers's hit the nail on the head that this kind of character trait is in their blood. They give more than they receive and not because they have to but because they want to and simply because it is the right thing to do. The desire and passion to impact the lives of others for the better and profit in satisfaction speaks more

than dollars. And by doing so, they are paving the way for future generations to follow in their footsteps.

I've been fortunate enough to have a front row seat during my childhood and even now in my professional career to watching family, friends, and neighbors illustrate the importance of putting others before self and how giving is much more meaningful than receiving. I oftentimes reflect how my grandparent's work ethics and characteristics have caused a ripple effect for how my parents and siblings are today. We are all servants in our own ways and help continue

these positive waves that were instilled in the generations before us. While we may not be the lead volunteer coordinators or volunteer on a regular basis, it's the daily commitment to making positive impact in the lives of others and going out of our way to put others first.

With this theme of cultivating a better community, I wanted to first and foremost thank those of you who have volunteered, or will soon volunteer and assist with our pollinator-rain garden expansion! We could not have done it without your hard work and dedication! It is through the generosity and dedication of our members, friends, and community that we are able to sow the seeds for a better tomorrow. There is no monetary exchange for the time and effort given, just the profit in satisfaction that we are doing the right thing. We are bringing the community together for a project larger than ourselves and that itself is truly a beautiful thing.

In addition to all of the exciting buzz happening at KCFB, I wanted to thank those who have volunteered in the planning, preparation, and execution of our NEW Lending Library. As you saw in last month's *Farmer*, Mike Meuer volunteered his time and resources to carry out our vision and bring it to life – even bigger and better than we

had planned! And to those of you who have stopped in and donated ag literacy books, we cannot thank you enough! Ah-ha! Another perfect example of the servant attitude and leaving a lasting impact for a better tomorrow in the life of others through literature. It is our hope that you can help us become a symbol in the community as another avenue to help provide ag-literacy resources for children, families, and the general public every single day regardless of the day or the weather! Each month we will highlight an ag-literacy topic, book, and/or provide FREE resources/activities that go hand-in-hand to aid in the learning process.

Community service teaches many life lessons and helps show us the true meaning of kindness, compassion, and selflessness. For those of you who understand these concepts, continue paving the way and leading by example for others to follow. There is something so powerful in volunteering and making a difference in the lives of others in a multitude of ways! If you aren't sure where to start, give us a call and we can chat! We are always looking for volunteers for various projects, events and ag-literacy activities!

Happy September!

Book of the month

September is here and that can only mean one thing – kids are back in school! For many children, lunchtime is a fan favorite!

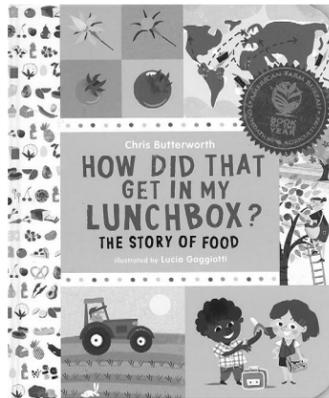
One of the best parts of a young child's school day is seeing what tasty things are waiting in their lunchbox. But how did all of that delicious food get there exactly? The answer may seem so simple; mom and dad got the food from the grocery store! But food doesn't grow in stores, so where did it come from before it was on shelves at stores?

The answers are found in the book of the month for September: *How Did That Get in My Lunchbox? The Story of Food* written by Chris Butterworth and illustrated by

Lucia Gaggiotti. This colorful and informative story helps students dive right into the facts of how all of their food went from various fields and farms across the world and into their lunchboxes. From the farmer planting wheat to the bakers mixing dough to the savory sandwich in their hands, students will see all the people and steps that are involved in the process of producing some of their common lunchtime foods and treats!

So just how did all of that delicious food get into your lunchbox? Find out for yourself and take a trip on out to the Kane County Farm Bureau office and check out our FREE KCFB Library check *How Did That Get in my Lunchbox? The Story of Food*.

The Kane County Farm Bureau Library was made possible by Bob Konen and Dean Dunn, and later supported by the Bob Konen Family.



How Did That Get In My Lunchbox? by Chris Butterworth, illustrated by Lucia Gaggiotti

Lesson-In-A-Bucket

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 ag-lessons in a 5-gallon chore bucket complete with books, activities, and Ag-Mags about given topics such as dairy, pollinators, pumpkins, and more! Call Kelcee at 630-584-8660 to reserve yours today!

IL Ag in the Classroom grant opportunities

Illinois Ag in the Classroom is excited to be offering two classroom grant opportunities for Illinois teachers for the upcoming school year! Educators can apply for \$250 in ag-accurate books curated by our staff or \$300 for a new ag-themed project for your classroom. Applications due Friday, October 14.

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

Grant: <https://iaitc.co/project-grants>.



John Buck

Over the last 20 years, the Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION has had the privilege and honor of awarding over \$30,000 to 28 students pursuing higher education in the field of agriculture through the John Buck Memorial Scholarship.

The 20th Anniversary John Buck Scholarship Golf Outing

that will be held later this month will serve as a celebration of not only John Buck and his legacy, but also as a time to come together to help prepare our agricultural leaders and trail blazers of the future!

See the October *Farmer* for photos of the fun! Better yet, join us. See page 8 for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities with Ag in the Classroom:

Want to help make a small impact that will have a lasting impression? Consider volunteering! Kane County AITC is looking for volunteer presenters to help them extend our reach and to enhance our connection with our youth. If you are interested in providing assistance, contact Kelcee at aitc@kanecfb.com or give her a call at 630-584-8660.

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Farm Facts @ Fun

Compiled by Kelcee Miller, Ag Literacy Coordinator

Community



This past March, members from the Kane County Young Farmers committee and FFA members from Central and Kaneland High Schools gathered at the Northern Illinois Food Bank for their annual FFA Acquaintance Day. The groups worked together to sort, re-label, and repackage food for our hungry neighbors, as they have done every winter or spring for more than a decade. In total, the group packed 3,974 pounds of food in one evening, providing 4,970 meals for our hungry neighbors in Northern Illinois!

Service

You don't have to be a farmer to leave a lasting impact or to serve your community! Community service is one of the best ways to learn the value of empathy. In addition, you will learn firsthand all about kindness, compassion, and selflessness by serving others and those in true need. Grab a friend or two and help sow the seeds of change together with some of these ideas!

1. Plant trees or wildflowers in your neighborhood
2. Plant produce and donate the harvest to a local food bank
3. Pick up litter around your neighborhood, local park, or community
4. Host a canned food drive for those in need
5. Collect food, warm clothing, toys, or personal care items for those in need and deliver to shelters
6. Read books to young kids at the library, family shelter, children's hospital, or nursing home
7. Write letters of gratitude and encouragement to service men, women, and their families
8. Participate/Volunteer in a fun community event that brings awareness to a local cause
9. Visit a retirement home and play board games, read stories, or complete a craft with seniors
10. Offer to assist your neighbor with tasks such as walking their dog, raking their leaves, providing a meal, or assisting with projects/errands

Find more community service ideas here:

<https://www.all4kids.org/news/blog/community-service-for-families/>

Community Service

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Return to: Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174 by September 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.

Did you know?

- Kane County Farm Bureau's new Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden and Little Lending Library are outreach and community service efforts to help educate the public about the importance of agriculture, farmers, farms and food, and about farmers efforts to protect the environment.
- Kane County Farm Bureau members have contributed the equivalent of over 2 million meals to local food pantries since the inception of our local Harvest for ALL program in 2009.

- Kane County's Young Farmers group led the State of Illinois in Harvest for ALL contributions (dollars, pounds of food and volunteer hours), as tracked by Illinois Farm Bureau, for 15 years running, from 2004-2018. Illinois led the nation in food pantry donations by state Farm Bureaus in nearly all of those years.
- An annual Shopping Spree organized by Kane County Farm Bureau invites local public officials to shop for groceries for the food pantry of their choosing,

and has provided over \$40,000 in groceries to over one dozen area food pantries.

- A 2018 "10,000 Gallon Challenge" campaign by the KCFB Foundation, provided funding for 10,000 gallons of milk to the Northern Illinois Food Pantry and eight local food pantries.
- Touch-A-Tractor is the name of the KCFB annual community open house, that helps raise funds for college scholarships.
- Kane County Farm Bureau has been serving agriculture and community for 110 years, since 1912! ❤️

Chicken parmesan Casserole to warm the soul

Celebrate National Chicken Month with an easy and nutritious chicken meal for you, a neighbor, or friend or meal train family who may be in need. Serve now or freeze for later!

Ingredients

- 4 cups fully cooked chicken
- 1 jar of marinara sauce (28 oz)
- 1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup Panko or whole wheat bread crumbs
- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2-4 tablespoons of chopped fresh parsley (or 1 tbsp. dried)
- Salt & pepper to taste

Instructions

- Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.
- In a greased 8x8 casserole dish, layer the fully-cooked

chicken in the bottom and dump in the marinara sauce and mix with the chicken. Next, top with both cheeses until all the chicken is covered.

In a small bowl, mix the breadcrumbs, olive oil, fresh herbs and a pinch of salt and pepper together.

Sprinkle the seasoned breadcrumbs over the top.

Bake for about 20-25 minutes or until golden on top and bubbling on the sides.

Freeze for Later: Follow steps 1-4 and then cover the casserole tightly with a few layers of foil, squeezing out as much air as possible. Label and freeze for up to 3 months.

Prepare from Freezer: Thaw in the fridge overnight and follow step 5.

This simple and delicious recipe may be found here: <https://thrivinghomeblog.com/chicken-parmesan-casserole-recipe-an-easy-freezer-meal>.



JOKES

How did the farmer fix a hole in his trousers?
 With a cabbage patch!
 Why did the farmer want to bury all of his money?
 To make the soil rich!

What did the farmer say when one of his cows escaped?
 It was a miss-steak!

Why is it hard to talk to goats?
 Because they are always kidding!

Jokes provided by:
<https://kidadl.com/funnies/jokes/funny-farm-jokes-for-kids>

Congratulations

This month word search teamwork is rewarded. Our winners are **Daniel and Martin Sullivan**, eight and 10 years old, of St. Charles. The two teamed to complete the word search and their entry was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month's Word Search Puzzle. For their participation, they receive a fun prize to be picked up at the Farm Bureau within the next 30 days. Prizes will not be mailed. Thank you, Daniel and Martin, for reading the Kane County Farmer and continue to watch each month for more great opportunities from the Kane County Farm Bureau.

September is ...

National	
Blueberry Popsicle Day	2nd
Cheese Pizza Day	5th
Acorn Squash Day	7th
Farmer's Consumer Awareness Day	10th
Chocolate Milkshake Day	12th
Peanut Day	13th
Cream Filled Donut Day	14th
Linguine Day	15th
Cinnamon Raisin Bread Day	16th
Guacamole Day	16th
Apple Dumpling Day	17th
Cheeseburger Day	18th
Rice Krispies Treats Day	18th
Butterscotch Pudding Day	19th
Fried Rice Day	20th
String Cheese Day	20th
Pepperoni Pizza Day	20th
Queso Day	20th
Pecan Cookie Day	21st
Ice Cream Cone Day	22nd
White Chocolate Day	22nd
Apple Cider Vinegar Day	23rd
Great American Pot Pie Day	23rd
Snack Stick Day	23rd
Cooking Day	25th
Lobster Day	25th
Quesadilla Day	25th
Pancake Day	26th
Chocolate Milk Day	27th
Strawberry Cream Pie Day	28th
Coffee Day	29th

National	
Baby Safety Month	
Better Breakfast Month	
Chicken Month	
Food Safety Education Month	
Honey Month	
Papaya Month	

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS POLLINATORS

By Alice Macha
Communications Coordinator



I walk almost every day at a forest preserve near my home in Joliet, and over the years I've watched a small team of forest preserve employees and volunteers take back the prairie and woodlands from the neglected jumble of non-native, invasive plants that had overtaken the acreage.

They have worked painstakingly for years now, removing invasive and non-native plants and seeding and propagating native asters, vervain, baptisia, monarda, compass plant, wild senna and many more. It is a slow, laborious process changing the landscape and making it more productive for pollinators. The wildflowers have gradually become more robust and formed pockets and blankets of color



across the acres. The preserve is a welcoming haven for insects. I have seen something interesting with each summertime walk – black wasps, question mark butterflies, hummingbird clearing moths, clouded sulphur butterflies.

This year, however, I've been disappointed and alarmed by the lack of pollinators. I've seen very few butterflies – a few monarchs, tiger swallowtails, pearl crescents and cabbage whites. I've had very few pollinators in my yard as well, a space that is usually a tiny airport of fluttering butterflies, moths, hover flies, bees and bumblebees, feasting on the phlox, black-eyed susans, zinnias and dahlias.

It cannot be coincidence that hundreds of acres of farmland

around my home are for sale or sold, denuded of greenery, graded, groomed and prepared for houses, strip malls, fast food outlets and car washes

I learned on July 21st that the Union for Conservation of Nature placed the monarch on its list of threatened species and classified it as endangered. From what I've seen this year, many other species are equally compromised. They are running out of welcoming space and food sources.

Kane County Farm Bureau has made no small plans to welcome pollinators to our space on Randall Road. We put in a small pollinator garden three summers ago, but it has struggled, overwhelmed by rainwater runoff from the parking lot. KCFB sought new garden plans and remedies for this issue, and in early September, is installing a new, 60x100 ft., Illinois shaped Prairie Pollinator Rain Garden encompassing the old pollinator bed. The state will be full of plants suited to mesic soil, and those that thrive in wetlands, including coneflowers, monarda, sweet flag and iris. Stone paths will create the prominent Illinois rivers, the Mississippi, Illinois, Fox, and Kaskaskia among them, and will channel runoff

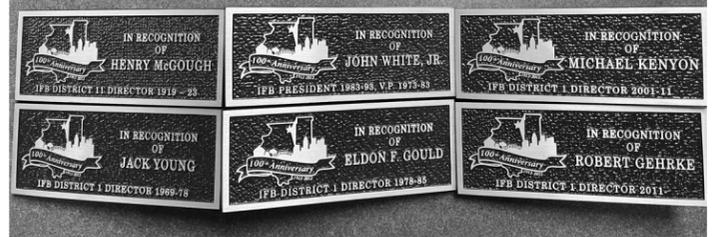
water through the garden. Signs will explain the plants and environment to those who choose to traverse our miniature state.

I hope the pollinators flock to this little piece of real estate, and turn it into a miniature

DuPage Airport west as they linger with the liatris and cruise through the culver's root. I hope our KCFB friends stop by to see the progress of our pollinator patch. I'll be rooting them all on as they do.

Among the property improvements at KCFB that took place in early August, contractor Scott Jesseman of Prairie Fence and Landscape of Sugar Grove planted 6 locust trees along the parkway separating KCFB from Costco. The trees were sourced by James Meutze of Poplar Farms 2 in Batavia. Each will bear a plaque recognizing the farmer-members of KCFB who have served as Illinois Farm Bureau directors, representing the interests of farmers in Northern Illinois, during that organization's (and our) 100+ year history. Those farmers include Henry McGough (1919-23); Jack Young (1969-78); John White Jr. (1973-93); Eldon Gould (1978-85); Michael Kenyon (2001-11); and Robert Gehrke (2011-15).

See the white oak planting story on page 3.



U of I ACES adds harvest open house

By Kay Shipman, FarmWeek
Families are invited to the first Crop Sciences Open House at the University of Illinois.

Hosted by the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) and the crop sciences department, the Oct. 2 event will feature interactive exhibits, activities and food.

The agenda includes sampling salsa made from produce grown on the Sustainable Student Farm, planting herbs,

learning popcorn genetics, watching biological control of insect pests and touching farm equipment.

Attractions will be located at the Agronomy Seed House, 2102 S. Wright St., Urbana. The events will run concurrently, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event overall is free, but there may be a fee for some options and food.

"We want to expose kids to agriculture at an early age, show them there's a lot more to it than

they might think. Get kids interested in something when they're young, something interactive, then maybe that's the career choice they'll make later in life," said Linda Harvey, the event organizer and manager of the crop sciences office.

Updates will be posted on the Crop Sciences Open House website at <https://harvestopenhouse.cropsciences.illinois.edu>.

Office hours with Rep. Keith Wheeler Monday, September 19 from 2:30-4:30 at Kane County Farm Bureau.



Assistant Minority Leader and State Representative Keith Wheeler will be hosting mobile office hours at the Kane County Farm Bureau on Monday, September 19 from 2:30-4:30.

If you have any issues with state agencies, Representative Wheeler's office will be happy to facilitate a conversation with the appropriate departments. Many of the most common issues range from FOID/CCL renewals, business licenses, tax filing complications, and unemployment claims. Rep. Wheeler will have staff on hand to help you navigate any complications.

For more information, contact Representative Wheeler's District office at 630-345-3464



Republican gubernatorial primary winner Darren Bailey paid a visit to Gould Farms near Elburn in early August to meet local farmers and hear their concerns. Bailey, Illinois' 55th District Senator, is a farmer and school board President from Clay County. Bailey addressed questions on taxes, regulations, shutdowns, education and crime among others, but this most oft repeated message to those in attendance was the reminder to get out and vote in the general election, and to encourage friends and neighbors to do the same.



Five Young Farmers from Northern Illinois' IFB District 1 (Kane, DeKalb, McHenry and Lake counties) competed in a Discussion Meet of agricultural, farm and food topics on August 15 at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. Pictured L-R are Katie Arndt, Brett Dienst, Ethan Plote, Michael Long and Wayne Gehrke.

Plote and Gehrke were chosen from among the contestants to advance to the Illinois Farm Bureau Discussion Meet in Chicago in December, where they will compete for honors and prizes, including a trip to the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation in January 2023 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Don't miss out on colorful, local mums, pumpkins and more!

See page 8 for details



YOU could WIN this beautiful, 1971 Chevy C10 pickup truck in our October 13 raffle!

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Good luck!



Agriculture cultivates better communities

“My life is one big volunteer commitment. LOL.”

That’s an accurate assessment. I inquired about a project of our FFA Alumni organization, and my aunt was fresh off two community events for separate volunteer groups that weekend. Mind you, this is after a week of watching grandkids, preparing meals for the farm crew and caring for aging parents. It seems appropriate to insert a cross-eyed, slightly stressed emoji

face to our message exchange. Her bank account didn’t reflect it, but she impacted many lives for the better and profited in satisfaction.

My aunt’s level of commitment to giving and volunteerism places her in an elite category of service and selflessness. But generally speaking, farmers and other agriculture professionals are among the most giving people I know, and their explanation for this servant attitude is about as simple as the desire to farm: It’s in their blood, and it’s the right thing to do.

Previous generations taught us to volunteer out of duty and necessity. In small towns like ours, volunteers even handle

firefighting and first-response medical care. Thanks to volunteers, our communities are safe, my kids have a 4-H fair and youth in our small town have soccer and summer baseball programs. Volunteers provide amenities in our parks and coordinate the town’s largest events. They share hours of their time, skills and resources to improve schools, churches, hospitals and non-profit groups for the betterment of our community. Rural areas lack paid staff to handle such life-impacting essentials.

Across Illinois, Farm Bureau families make impacts when they sponsor youth safety programs from bikes to farm equipment. Volunteers coordinate blood drives and health screen-

ings at their county Farm Bureau buildings. The same families give their time in the church kitchen for a community dinner. They organize the school carnival, decorate for the annual FFA banquet, and understand the commitment of running a quality food stand as a fundraiser.

Just before COVID, our community won the Governor’s Cup for exemplary volunteerism to build our small town’s playground. In a tremendous effort, volunteers raised \$150,000 in funds and physically built that two-story, barn-shaped playground using their farm-based skills and donated use of resources, from power tools to tractors.

At that same park, more than

100 local FFA and 4-H volunteers will gather this month to transform that space into an agritourism attraction with free admission for more than 20 activities – a bale climb, farm chore course, high-tech sprayer simulator, and farm animals among them. Local youth eagerly help organize and operate this annual agriculture festival, and seasoned volunteers find satisfaction knowing they have instilled an ethic of service in the next generation.

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, backyard chickens and farmkids.

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

Regular Members

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| Katie Aretos | Hampshire |
| Jonathan Klein | Burlington |
| Jeff Orman | Batavia |

that accompany your new Regular member or Professional Status and thank you for supporting KCFB’s efforts at advocacy,

- education and hunger relief:
- Professional networking opportunities & engagement with farmers
- Agriculture, farm & food news delivered to your door
- New subscription to *FarmWeek*, the largest weekly agriculture newspaper
- Access to *FarmWeekNow.com*
- KCFB voting rights & ILFB delegate opportunities
- Continuing subscription to the *Kane County Farmer* newspaper
- Free annual registration at one of 7 statewide conferences

- 302,000 member discounts, including Ford, Lincoln, John Deere, Case IH, restaurants, hotels & travel
 - Discounts at the KCFB Country Store on in-house sales of featured local foods
- *KCFB Regular membership is required of all who join our association that have a vested interest in and receive income from the production of farm products as an owner or operator of a farm business. Professional Membership status is available for all those employed in agriculture-related occupations, even with no farm income. If you are interested in “next level” membership and the benefits it carries, please contact KCFB in St. Charles at (630) 584-8660.*



Alice Brener and her father, Matthew, stopped by KCFB in early August to choose a toy from our Country Store. Four year old Alice received a Country Store gift certificate for her winning entry in the Young Farmers Coloring Contest, and chose a Western Ranch Set with enough animals and pieces to keep her busy for a while! Dad chose a bag of Illinois grown popcorn and a tin of southern peanuts. Thank you, Matthew and Alice,

for participating in our coloring contest and stopping by KCFB to brighten our day!

What’s new at COUNTRY?

St. Charles Agency, Jeff Orman, Agency Manager

Congratulations to Gary Bolger, who has been named our July Rep of the Month in the COUNTRY Financial® St. Charles/Elgin Agency, as announced by Agency Manager, Jeffrey Orman. Gary 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 Gary’s expertise help you! You may reach Gary at 847-531-6110, or gary.bolger@CountryFinancial.com, or <https://representatives>.

Aurora Agency, Alonzo Nevarez, Agency Manager

Lulu Medina, Financial Representative with the Aurora Agency, is our Financial Representative of the Month for July 2022. Lulu began her career with COUNTRY Financial in January of 2017 and services clients out of her office located at: 2000 W. Galena Blvd., #207, Aurora, 60506, (630) 449-0910.

Lulu’s professionalism and vast knowledge of auto, home, life, and commercial products make her a great person to do business with. Congratulations, Lulu!

Recruiter of the Month

Each month we honor the person who signs the most members into our organization. This month, the honor goes to Felipe Rocha! Felipe has been a COUNTRY Financial Representative since August, 2011. His office



Felipe Rocha

is located at 541 N. Lake Street, Aurora and may be reached at: 630-897-7746.

Thank you for your continued support of the Kane County Farm Bureau and congratulations on your success!

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

WANTED

CUSTOMER SERVICE – 30-35 hours weekly, M-F. Applicant must be a computer literate, self-starter, with pleasant voice and manner, some travel possible. Office located east side of St. Charles. We offer vacation pay, self-directed savings plan, and partial tuition reimbursement. Perfect position for stay-at-home-Mom or college student. Call Bob or Laurie at 630-377-7797 to arrange interview.

Want to buy vintage & used tools. Also, we do cleanouts. Call Chris: 630-550-7182

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 July 16 – August 15, 2022.

Donor

- Jay Omori (books) KCFB Lending Library
- Beulah Swanson KCFB Foundation
- Jon & Linda Haines KCFB Lending Library



Beneficiary

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!

U of I Extension offers best gardening tips for fall season

By Judy Mae Bingman

As fall approaches, trees begin to change color, cold weather sweeps in, and garden prepping for winter begins.

A free three-part University of Illinois Extension online webinar series will help gardeners prepare for the cold months ahead. Four Seasons Gardening has inspired generations of gardeners. The fall workshops begin at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 14 and will include tips for garden tool maintenance from Extension horticulture educator Richard Hentschel.

Sharp, rust-free tools are easier on the body and make whatever task is at hand quicker to finish, says Hentschel. Make gardening less of a chore by maintaining your equipment.

Fall is a popular time to examine landscape trees. Illinois is home to hundreds of native and non-native tree species, but identifying them isn’t always easy. Leaves, bark, twigs, buds, flowers, boles, and fruit all help in identification. Sarah Vogel, Extension horticulture educator, will help homeowners recognize tree species, both natives and non-natives, based on the size, shape, and appearance, as well as cover the basic parts of trees. The webi-

nar begins at 1:30pm Oct. 19.

Tree root collar disorder affects many trees. A root collar is an important area of a tree where root tissue shifts to trunk tissue. Impacts to this part of the tree can have a variety of symptoms, from yellow foliage and early fall color to dieback in the upper canopy, and even tree death. Extension educator Ryan Pankau will explain how to

identify, prevent, and treat trees with root collar disorder during the final fall webinar at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 30.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/fourseasons. If reasonable accommodation is needed to participate, or for more information, contact Gemini Bhalsod at gbhalsod@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged.



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Growing To Serve You Better



Doloris Gronemann of Elgin stopped by the KCFB office in early August with a blast from the past. Gronemann, who has lived in the Elgin area all her life brought in an "over the fence wire" paper board sign advertising the Kane County Fair that is thought to be from the late 1960's, 1969 to be exact, as those dates line up with the traditional Wednesday-Sunday Kane County Fair dates. She is shown in the picture above with KCFB Office Assistant Jenna Webb.

Gronemann also brought in a 1969 Kane County Fair premium book, yellow with green print, with vintage, farm centric advertising. When asked if they were of any value to KCFB, Manager Steve Arnold eagerly agreed to KCFB being the custodian of this bit of history. Now, if we can only get some barbed wire to hang the sign from...

***** Thanks Dolores! *****

Save time and renew online

It's easy to make sure your Farm Bureau Membership is current. The Illinois Farm Bureau provides many services to all Kane County Farm Bureau members, for example, online membership renewal through their website.

Did you know you can renew your Farm Bureau membership online? You can also view your payment history, print a lost or updated membership card, and update your account information including address,

spouse/dependents, phone and e-mail all through the Member Center of the website.

To do this, simply visit www.ilfb.org. Click on the Membership tab at the top, and then Renew your membership. You will be asked to register using your Farm Bureau number and to create a username and password.

The ability to check your membership information anytime, anywhere can help prevent unwanted Farm Bureau mem-

bership late fees and keep you eligible for COUNTRY Mutual and COUNTRY Preferred insurance coverages. Don't delay, check to make sure your information is updated today!

REMINDER: Regular (voting) and Professional Members are due for renewal in September. Associate members' renewal dates vary, please sign on to the website or call the Kane County Farm Bureau at (630) 584-8660 to check on the status of your membership.

Fall Harvest & Halloween Decorations

Bring bright fall color and fun to your yard with this assortment of live mums, pumpkins and more. All proceeds benefit Ag Literacy and Scholarship programs of the KCFB FOUNDATION.

Pre-order, by the piece

	Number	Total \$
Straw bales (full bale), each \$8.00	_____	_____
Carving pumpkins (17-24#, approx. 12" dia.), each \$8.00 (pre-order prices only)	_____	_____
Pie pumpkins (softball sized), each \$4.00	_____	_____
Ornamental/heirloom pumpkins, \$8.00 & up	_____	_____
Assorted small gourds/mini pumpkins (3-6 in.), 50¢ ea./2/\$1.00	_____	_____
Indian corn (tied in 3's), each \$7.00	_____	_____
Mums (assorted colors, 9" pot), each \$10.00	_____	_____
Corn Shocks, each \$8.00	_____	_____

TOTAL \$ _____

or by the package

	corn shocks	straw bales	carving pumpkins	gourds/mini's	pie pumpkins	indian corn	mums 5-6"	
\$42, the Townhouse	1	0	2	4	1	1	1	_____
\$72, the Cottage	2	1	3	6	2	2	2	_____
\$120, the Homestead	3	2	4	8	4	3	4	_____

TOTAL \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Return with payment to KCFB Foundation, 2N710 Randall Rd., St Charles, IL 60174.

Cash, check, VISA/MC accepted. Non-members add 10% to total. Pre-order deadline is Friday, September 16th.

Pick-up at the Kane County Farm Bureau any time after September 23rd.

M-F, 9:00 -4:00. A la carte sales will also be available without pre-order – only while supplies last.

All proceeds benefit Ag Literacy and Scholarship programs of the KCFB FOUNDATION.

Name _____

Phone (_____) _____

Don't forget to order straw for fall garden mulching – for more info, call 630-584-8660.

Raise scholarship funds at the John Buck Memorial Golf Outing

The 20th Anniversary John Buck Memorial Golf Outing will be held on **Wednesday, September 14th, 2022**, at Crystal Woods Golf Club, located at 5915 Route 47 in Woodstock, 60098. Cost to register is \$125 per person, with a 10:30 a.m. shotgun start/scramble format. **For details and to register, contact Sandy at info@buckbrosinc.com or 847-683-4440.** Space is limited, so

call early to make reservations. Proceeds benefit the John Buck Scholarship funds. Fifty percent (50%) of those are distributed to the Kane County Farm Bureau FOUNDATION. In 2022, Michael Steimel of DeKalb and Willem Vandermeij of Geneva each received \$1,500 John Buck Memorial Scholarships administered by the KCFB FOUNDATION.

About John Buck

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was adapted from "Why John Buck, A Person to Remember", by Luke Cella, On Course, the official publication of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, July 2017. Reprinted with permission.

On September 14, Kane County Farm Bureau and its not-for-profit Foundation invite members to participate in the 20th Anniversary John Buck Memorial Golf Outing at Crystal Woods Golf Course in Woodstock. The outing raises funds for 2 annual John Buck Memorial Scholarships for local students through the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation. It also helps provide scholarships through the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents (MAGCS). Perhaps most importantly, in the words of Luke Cella, Executive Director of the MAGCS, "the John Buck is an event that honors a person whose life and spirit is worth remembering."

As Publisher of On Course, the official monthly publication of MAGCS, Cella recounted a history of John Buck and how he became to be involved in the turf world in a July 2017 article "Why John Buck? A person to Remember". Following a brief professional biography of Buck's background and entry into the farm equipment and turf industries, Cella writes:

"What that doesn't tell you about John was his love for life and those he came into contact with. He was a kind and generous person that cared about others before himself. He made people feel good about who they were and could always be counted on to make sure things were right."

"We name things after individuals so we don't forget them, who they were, what they stood for and how they treated and gave themselves to others. These "named" items are created not only to honor individuals but to serve as a reminder for us of how to live, to value our common human virtues and share them with others"

"John passed away in 2001 and we're still remembering him and his spirit. For those of you who never knew him, I'm sorry for that. But come to the golf outing and see his spirit and get the opportunity to see others that want to remember him, that want to be like him, that are better because of him."

We couldn't have said it better ourselves. We hope you'll consider joining us at Crystal Woods Golf Course on September 14 to honor John Buck and to raise scholarship funds for future generations.

You are cordially invited to 20th Anniversary John Buck Scholarship Golf Outing

CAHW Join us for Golf, Food, and Fun!! **REVELS** Turf & Tractor



Outing Details

Please join us for the 20th Anniversary golf event honoring our good friend and mentor, John Buck! Enjoy range time, 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch during the round, cocktails, dinner, and more! \$125 per person.

Crystal Woods Golf Course Woodstock, IL Wednesday, Sept. 14th, 2022

8:00 - 9:30 AM Driving Range & Registration
10:00 AM Shot-Gun Start - Scramble Format
3:00 PM Cocktails
4:00 PM Dinner

All proceeds go to benefit the John Buck Scholarship fund, which is distributed 50% to Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation, and 50% to MAGCS & Northwestern Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Please provide Participant Name(s) below:

See story at top of page for registration info.

Sign Up Details

- Golf & Dinner - *pre-paid (\$110.00)
- Golf & Dinner after Sept. 2nd (\$125.00)
- Dinner & Cocktails Only (\$50.00)
- I cannot participate, but enclosed is my donation of \$_____.
- My Check is enclosed

ALL REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

We will be happy to arrange your team if you do not have a complete foursome. Limited to the first 144 paid entries.

Make checks payable to KCFB foundation

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Please contact us by phone to pay by credit card.

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Thank you for your support!