Through the eyes of a produce farmer

By Stevi Pondelick

Imagine it’s snowing outside and you’re inside a steamy warm greenhouse planting rows of tiny seeds. You take your time sowing each and every seed, hoping that it will one day grow into a strong and healthy plant. They’re like children...you give them a nice home, feed them and then when they reach the right age, you set them out on their own and hope for the best.

Growing vegetables isn’t something I recommend for the weak of heart. It takes a lot of early mornings and long days to tend to each plant. We spend our winters planting seeds in a greenhouse and wishing for high yields. When spring hits we start our harvest and sell spring crops from our greenhouse. Spring vegetables and fruits grown for sale include asparagus, peas, broccoli, green onions, radishes, kohlrabi, swiss chard, rhubarb, lettuce and strawberries. In addition to chard, rhubarb, lettuce and onions, radishes, kohlrabi, swiss chard, squash and Indian corn. Fall is also the time to prepare for the winter, where wreaths are handmade and Christmas trees are sold. After Christmas season passes, we start all over again with planting in the greenhouse for spring.

Near the end of spring, we attend markets on a weekly schedule during the season and take great pride in bringing the freshest healthy local produce to market for your convenience. Because these markets take place during the day, picking and preparing our produce is no easy task. We want our produce to be as fresh as possible, which means picking and harvest normally happens the morning before heading to different locations to sell. Some of our summer produce includes sweet corn, tomatoes, green beans, zucchini, summer squash, cabbage, carrots, onions, potatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, beans, turnips, raspberries, peaches, nectarines, plums, grapes, cherries, blueberries, watermelons and cantaloupe. Thes Farm Market still has a lot to offer during the cooler, flavorful time of year known as fall. In addition to fruits and vegetables we also sell a lot of different types of harvest decorations like gourds, pumpkins, squash and Indian corn. Fall is also the time to prepare for the winter, where wreaths are handmade and Christmas trees are sold. After Christmas season passes, we start all over again with planting in the greenhouse for spring.

Like I said...vegetable farming is a full time job that is not for the weak of heart. I live and breathe vegetables, all year long. Bringing quality, local produce to the people is something that my entire family takes pride in. It’s something that we love to do. It’s a joy passing on a family tradition and sharing our lives with the customers.

Support agricultural education & get ‘31 Days of Christmas’

A tie, a pair of socks, a gym membership...no no no. Those are not Christmas gifts fit for your family and friends. And why give them wait? Give them something now, to look forward to the whole month of December, with a ticket for the Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation’s “31 Days of Christmas” raffle.

The not-for-profit Foundation has already started selling tickets for their “31 Days of Christmas” raffle. 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 $200 to $500. Winning numbers will be determined by an exact match of the evening Pick 3 Illinois Lottery number for that day (less Fireball). Prizes will include a wide variety of outdoor favorites including kayaks, canoes, coolers, hunting and camping gear, and much more! Winners will receive a Cabala’s gift card in the exact value of the prize. So if that prize you win isn’t just right for you, choose something more appropriate (up to the value of your prize) from Cabala’s wide selection of sporting goods.

All proceeds benefit KCFB Foundation scholarship programs. Tickets are on sale now until November 30th for $20 each. Purchase tickets with your lucky number(s) now 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.

Visit www.kaneCFB.com for more details.

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September Featured Product
Pork Roast

The special this month is 3 individually wrapped, 24 ounce boneless pork roasts cut from the most tender part of the pork loin. It is designed to be cooked just like beef to an internal temperature of 145°F, sliced thin and used as an entire. The roast is netted together and vacuum sealed to preserve the lemon-rosemary marinade. The special is offered for $19 to Farm Bureau Members, $17 to Plus Members, and $23 to non-members.

September 15-17
Big Rock Pow! Match
September 17-23
National Farm Safety and Health Week

September 4
Labor Day, KCFB Office Closed

September 7
Birds of Prey, 7:30 pm

September 12
Ag Stormwater Committee, 5:00 pm

September 13
Young Farmers at Kane County Country Market, 5:30 pm

September 15
Last Day to bid on Silent Auction Items

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The 2017 Illinois corn and soybeans crops are expected to yield at 169.5 bushels per acre and 49.4 bushels per acre respectively, which are larger than originally expected. With harvest season upon us, make sure to take care on roads where farmers are likely to be traveling. Cars are easier to maneuver than some farm implements, so make sure you ensure the safety of all involved by looking out for farmers during this season.
Lenkaitis & Gehrke to represent District 1 at State Discussion Meet

District 1 & 2 Discussion Meets took place on July 31 at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. The 14th Annual Young Leader Discussion Contest is an exchange of ideas and information about a particular topic, in which contestants must analyze problems and determine logical solutions.

The 4 participants from District 1, Carolyn Gehrke, Sarah Lenkaitis, Michael Long and Wayne Gehrke, are all from Kane County. Both Carolyn Lenkaitis and Carolyn Gehrke were selected to represent District 1 at the State Discussion Meet which took place during the IFB Annual Meeting in December.

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 agri-culture and your way of life. If you are not a 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 agricul-tural heritage, while allowing you to enjoy COUNTRY INSURANCE and the many other benefits of one of Illinois’ premier member-ship organizations.

We appreciate your member-ship and continued support and we welcome your comments on the content of the Farmer. We encourage you to make recom-mendations about farm, home, food, natural resource, renewable energy or agricultural heritage and history related topics for inclusion in future issues of the Farmer.
National Farm Safety and Health Week

Farming remains one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States. That is why Kane County Farm Bureau is working with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety to promote safety and health in your community.

National Farm Safety and Health Week is September 17-23. This year’s theme is “Putting Farm Safety into Practice.” The theme reinforces the importance of establishing safe farm practices that make sure farmers make it home to their family at night.

There were almost 600 deaths and 70,000 disabling injuries attributed to agriculture in 2010. These figures are especially important during harvest season, as farmers are putting in long hours under the stress of weather delays.

Master Gardeners host Idea Garden Tours

The Kane County Master Gardeners will host one more Idea Garden open house event this year. The 2017 Idea Garden continues to showcase designs that are easy to replicate at home, with some new featured ideas. “Skip the apps and websites, and come see inspirational garden ideas in person,” said Sarah Fellerer, Program Coordinator for University of Illinois Extension’s Kane County Master Gardener. “Come see what plants work well in a three-season bed, a children’s garden, a pollinator patch, or a cutting garden. Plus, visit other beds of various vegetables, fruits, and flowers, and stop by the year-round rain garden and prairie garden!”

The remaining open house will be Tuesday, Sept. 12. Visitors also are welcome to stop in during workdays on other Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. The Kane County Master Gardener Idea Garden is located at the corner of Peck Road and Route 38 in St. Charles. Visitors can enter via the Route 38 driveway.

Do you have questions about your garden, lawn, or trees? Call the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Help Desk of Kane County at 630-584-6166, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on University of Illinois Extension programs, visit web.extension.illinois.edu/gdks. University of Illinois Extension provides educational programs and research-based information to help Illinois residents improve their quality of life, develop skills and solve problems.

Fall Harvest & Halloween Decorations Sale

Fall is right around the corner! Decorate your home with festive fall items! KCFB Foundation is holding a PRE-SALE** Fall Harvest and Decoration Sale fundraiser with all proceeds going towards the KCFB FOUNDATION. Choose from straw bales, corn shocks, garden mums, Indian corn, gourds, and of course, pumpkins! Orders are due by September 22nd and Pick-up is at the Kane County Farm Bureau anytime after October 6th. Monday thru Friday, 9-4. A la carte sales will also be available without pre-order while supplies last weeksdays 9-4 and every weekend during the month of October from 10-3.

To place your order or for more info, call 630-584-8660. Visa/MC or Discover accept.

Defensive Driving Class

The Kane County Farm Bureau Women’s Committee has scheduled a 55 Alive Defensive Driving Program for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 19 and 20. The class runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at Kane County Farm Bureau, 2N710 Randall Road, St. Charles. You must attend both sessions to complete the course.

The eight-hour course covers defensive driving tips, road and weather conditions, passing techniques, the effects of alcohol and drugs on driving and other defensive driving methods. Many insurance companies may offer a discount on auto insurance to those ages 55 and older that qualify and attend all eight hours of the course. Contact your insurance agent for more details.

Attendees must be licensed drivers. Pre-registration is required. Cost is $15 per person for AARP members and $20 for non-members (payable the first day) to cover the cost of materials. For more information or to register, contact Kane County Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660.
One of the things that fascinate me is American Indian folklore. Their knowledge of the earth was a necessary part of their existence. The moon was central to their world, so they named each month’s moon to coincide with what happened during that specific time of the year.

The moon in September has many different names, depending upon the tribe, as you can see on the chart at right; the moon names denote what’s happening in their lives.

This September the special name for the moon is The Harvest Moon which is the full moon that is closest to the autumnal equinox (on September 22nd). The Harvest Moon falls in October every third year. It is the only full moon name that is determined by the equinox rather than a month. Its name comes from the fact that the moon is bright and rises about 30 minutes earlier than other full moons which allow the farmers more time to finish their harvest chores.

When I look up at the full moon, I see “the man on the moon”, although I have some friends that simply can’t see it. There are many stories as to why there’s a man on the moon. A longstanding European tradition holds that the man was banished from the moon for some crime. Christian lore commonly held that he is the man caught gathering sticks on the Sabbath. Some Germanic cultures thought he was a man caught stealing from a neighbor’s hedgerow to repair his own. There is a Roman legend that he is a sheep-thief.

In Inuit mythology, the figure represents a boy gathering sticks. The boy’s father had told him the moon’s light would brighten the night, allowing the chore to be completed. Not wanting to gather sticks, the boy complained and ridiculed the moon. As punishment for his disrespect, the boy was taken from earth and trapped on the moon. There are many more explanations of the man in the moon; while some cultures in Asia believe it is a rabbit on the moon. Whatever name you put to this September full moon, or what you see as you look at the face of the moon, I’m hoping you enjoy the beauty of this special Harvest Moon.

Book of the month

“The native people of North America have always depended upon the natural world for their survival. Watching the changes going on in the natural world with each season, they also look up into the sky and see it changing.”

Every year there are 13 moon cycles consisting of 28 days from one full moon to the next. A turtle’s back has a pattern of 13 large scales, which the Native Americans equate to the 13 moons in each year … which explains the name of the book.

The book contains moon stories from various tribes. One of these stories is from the Cherokee, which explains the Moon of Falling Leaves. Long ago, trees were told that they had to stay awake for 7 days and 7 nights. Only the cedar, the pine and the spruce could stay awake, all others fell asleep. As a reward for staying awake, the pine trees were allowed to be always green. All the trees that fell asleep were made to shed their leaves. So each autumn, the leaves of the trees caught sleeping fell, covering the ground with leaves as colorful as the flowers that come in the spring.

If this book interests you, please come in and borrow it from our library which we started years ago after a request from Bob Konen and Dean Dunn.

Free family portrait for KCFB members

Kane County Farm Bureau is offering members an outstanding opportunity to gather your family for a free professional portrait sitting at the KCFB office in St. Charles. As a Farm Bureau member family, you will receive a FREE 8” x 10” full color portrait of your family. Individual poses are available; however this program is limited to one (1) FREE portrait per family or household. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult in the free portrait. You will be able to view your photos immediately on a digital viewing system.

Appointments are available Friday Oct. 6 from 2 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, October 7 from 10 am to 4 pm. Family photos make a wonderful gift. Appointments fill quickly! Click on “schedule portrait” at www.kanecfb.com or call the Farm Bureau at 630-584-8660.

Are you hearing all you should be?

Do you find yourself asking people to repeat themselves? Do you hear, but not always understand, conversation, especially in noisy places like restaurants?

Do people say you play the radio or TV too loudly?

A “yes” answer to any of these questions is a very real indication. Their knowledge of a hearing problem may exist. Belton’s 10-step hearing test is one way to make sure a hearing problem isn’t keeping you from enjoying life to its fullest. If you do have a hearing problem, it will be comforting to know how easily most hearing problems can be helped.

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The history of breakfast

In the 15th century, the word “breakfast” came into use in written English to describe a morning meal, which literally means to break the fasting period of the prior night. In Old English the term was morgen-maelt meaning “morning meal.” The Industrial Revolution of the 19th century – and the rise of fac-
tory work and office jobs that accompanied it – normalized breakfast, transforming it from an indulgence to an expectation. The later years of the 1800s, in partic-
ular, saw an expansion of the morning meal into a full-fledged social event. Wealthy Victorians in the U.S. and in England dedicated rooms in their homes to breakfasting,

Frittata brings fresh flavors to breakfast

Frittata is an Italian omelet. It is delicious for breakfast, lunch or dinner. It can be made with any combination of vegetables, including onions or scallions, tomatoes, potatoes, mush-
rooms, corn, peas, kale, spinach, Swiss chard, broccoli, and others. Fresh herbs such as parsley and dill make it even more deli-
cious. Below is just one version.

Ingredients:
- 21/2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium potato, thinly sliced
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 1 large egg, beaten
- Salt and freshly ground pepper

Instructions:
1. In a 10-inch non-stick fry pan. Add spinach to the pan and
2. Vegetable mixture back into the pan.
3. Cover with a lid and let cook 5-7 minutes, until the egg is
4. Remove from heat and loosen the frittata from the pan using a

Breakfast foods: Trivia:

The first pancakes were called Alita Dolcia (“another sweet” in Latin) and were made by Romans in the 1st Century AD. The first ready-made food was Aunt Jemima pancake flour sold in 1889 in St. Joseph, Missouri. Breakfast sausage (or country sausage) is a type of fresh pork sausage. It originated as a way for farmers to make use of as much of their livestock (usually pigs) as possible. Scraps and trimmings were ground, sea-
soned and later consumed by the farmer as an inexpensive, high-
protein morning meal.

Sticky buns have been con-
sumed since the Middle Ages, at which time cinnamon became more prominent.

Congratulations

Tommy Lloyd of Elburn! Her name was chosen from the entries received for correctly completing last month’s Word Search Puzzle. For her participi-
ation, she receives a fun fair themed gift! Thank you, Tommy, for reading the Kane County Farmer and to watch each month for more opportunities to win provided by the Kane County Farm Bureau.
How can YOU benefit from new member benefits?

Nowadays, smartphones are prevalent and everyone is seeking the next way to save money. What if you were able to save money right from your phone? Consider the new Illinois Farm Bureau Membership Benefits app, you can do just that. Kane County Farm Bureau members now have access to over 200,000 additional member benefits and discounts through the app.

“We’re extremely pleased to offer this new platform for our members, giving them added discounts on hotels, theme parks, restaurants, movies and everything in between,” said Melissa Rhode, Marketing Director, Illinois Farm Bureau. “We’ve developed this new app to provide both local and national discounts and can even notify members when they’re near a business that offers discounts.

Accessing this new web platform is easy and convenient. Just visit at https://ilfb.abenity.com, create a account and provide your Illinois Farm Bureau membership ID number (ex. 045-9999, but do NOT use the letter at the end of the member number on your membership card). Members can also go to the iPhone App Store, search IL Farm Bureau Members Benefits and download the app on their iPhone or iPad.

Once downloaded, members may customize the app to include frequent used offers; search offers by business name, location and category; and provide instant in-store discounts at nearby restaurants and retailers.

“Our members have nothing to lose and everything to gain with this new platform,” Rhode said. “Members will find more than 300,000 discounts on top of what is already available through their Illinois Farm Bureau membership.”

Members who have questions about the app or about member benefits may contact KCFB at 630-584-8660.

Meet us at the Kane County Market

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There is no cost for the dinner and tour but reservations are required. The event is limited to KCFB members aged 18-35 with farm related careers and interests, along with current YF Committee members and their invited guests. Reservations can be made by calling the KCFB, 630 584-8660 by September 7.

KCFB supports local 4-Hers

Each year, on the Sunday of the Kane County Fair, the Kane County 4-H Foundation hosts a Blue Ribbon Sale where the grand champion, reserve champion and other animals from 4-H exhibitors at the fair are auctioned off to bidders in the area. This sale allows business-ess, families, and organizations to purchase quality animals which are featured at market through new KC 4-Hers. The Auction also helps support the Kane County Country Market.”

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Sometimes on the weekends, particularly in fall, I am asked to lead horseback riding trail rides at Tower Hill Stables. The horses are mostly Bonsor wrecked activities that I always am excited to do, as I get to spend a good amount of time riding one of my favorite horses and meeting new people...two things I love to do. A few weeks ago I had such a weekend, and got the pleasure of meeting an 11 year old birthday girl and her family.

Immediately after the pair walked into the office, I could tell this ride was going to be pretty special. The young girl could barely contain her excitement as she patiently waited for me to finish preparing the horses for our ride. Promptly after introducing the two to their horses, the mother informed me to be prepared to have my ear talked off as her energetic daughter had a tendency to do that to people. I laughed and helped the two mount up on the horses I had chosen for them. Glory and Rosco, and went through the rules of the ride before mounting my own horse and leading.

Not three feet into the ride, and the girl behind me on Glory was already telling me all about herself...where she went to school, how old she was, what her favorite activities were, and all of the other things which only made her talk more.

After testing her knowledge about horses by asking her what color certain animals were, she turned to see another field just past a line of trees. Noticing that this field had a lot of “grass” but no fence, she asked why there were no horses there and if we could ride through that one. Looking at what she was talking about, I had to hide a laugh. She was pointing at the soybean field owned by the neighboring farms.

I quickly informed the girl what the “grass” in the field was and why we couldn’t just go take our horses into that field. From that moment on her conversation changed to questions, first about the soybean field then to what soybeans were used for and so on. For the remainder of our ride, I told her about the different crops she could see in the neighboring fields including soybeans, beets, corn, etc.

When our ride came to an end, the girl dismounted Glory, gave her a big hug and then gave me a big hug. Her mother thanked me for the great time and for entertaining her daughter, and ensured me that they would be back. As they walked back to their car, I overheard the girl tell her mother when she grows up, she wants to know all about horses, plants, and farms just like me.

It is times like that that I remember why I love my chosen industry so much. There is always new information to share, and people like that young girl and her mother are excited to gain new knowledge in the area.

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.bountysforkane.org for a complete list of direct farm markets and farmer’s markets in Kane County.

Norton Farm
58352 Route 64, St. Charles, 630-377-8118
Pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and Loganberries

Kuiper’s Family Farm
07N140 Watson Road Maple Park
815-827-5200
Family u-pick apples, pumpkins, kids activities, corn maze & more

Enjoy Pioneer Farm
117400 N Big Timber Road Hampshire 847-863-2963

Pumpkins, broccoli, corn stalks, Indian corn, straw, gourds, squash & petting zoo

Gould Cider Mill
25200 Green Road, Elburn 630-365-2233
Fresh cider, apples, pumpkins, squash, gourds, honey, (u-pick apples).

Goebbert’s Pumpkin Patch
426119 Kline Road, Hampshire 847-464-5952
Pick your own pumpkins, petting zoo, pony rides, corn maze, & more

The Pumpkin Wagon
12N680 Rt. 20, Elgin 847-697-2538
Pumpkins, squash, straw

Tom’s Farm Market & Greenhouse
1021 Algonquin Rd., Huntley 847-969-3423
Pumpkins and fall ornamentals

Ben’s Giant Pumpkins & Farm Market
43W00 Jericho Rd., Sugar Grove 815-466-1331
Pumpkins and fall ornamentals

Zimmerman Recycling, Inc.
301 Industrial Drive, DeKalb (815)756-8600

Fun at the Kane County Fair

Top to bottom: Kids enjoyed seeing (and sitting on) “MOO-A-LISA” while dressing up and taking selfies at the Kane County Farm Bureau selfie station. Fair-goers loved putting on masks, hats, and other items to pose for a quick pic.

Fair-goer Christine Scharf tested her luck at the KCBF Foundation bucket raffle, hoping to win one of 52 prizes donated. Thanks to donors and supporters like Christine, the Foundation raised over $2,500 for scholarships and ag-in-the-classroom efforts at this year’s Kane County Fair. Kane County Fair-goers enjoyed pondering questions about which animals as they tried their hands at KCBF’s annual scavenger hunt at the fair. Children ages 2-10 and brought back their completed cards were rewarded with an ice cream ticket.

On Friday, July 21st fair-goers were invited to help paint a large canvas and enjoy some ice cream. KCBF President Joe White went to work painting the barn and animals on one side of the fair. The other side has a rendition of “American Gothic” created by our staff artist Valerie Johnson.

DISCUSSION

• To allow contestants to gain an appreciation of the value of thinking and working in groups.

• To provide a current topic which stimulates motivation for continued involvement in Farm Bureau.

• To stimulate logical thinking and a desire to seek accurate information.

• To help in learning to criticize constructively and accept the same in the right spirit.

Successful participants are productive thinkers rather than emotional persuaders and assist the group in creating ways to implement the solutions discussed and highlights Farm Bureau’s involvement in those actions/steps.

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Growing To Serve You Better
The Kane County 4-H Foundation recently provided a total of $4,000 in scholarship funds to Kane County youth, all of whom were acknowledged at the Blue Ribbon Sale on Saturday, July 22. Scholarship recipients were selected based on 4-H Youth Development program involvement, 4-H achievements, community service, school involvement, and future plans. High school seniors and post-high school students enrolled full-time in an educational program, were encouraged to apply.

Elena Halverson – $500 scholarship, made possible by Woodman’s Markets – Elena is a 10-year 4-H’er, and is a member of Lincoln Highway 4-H Club. She is a graduate of Hinckley-Big Rock High School and will be attending Kishwaukee College. Elena plans to study diesel technology and hopes to pursue a career in mechanics. Her parents are Don and Kim Halverson of DeKalb.

Erica Johnson – $500 Bob Konen Memorial Scholarship – Erica is a 5-year 4-H’er and a member of Kaneville Classics 4-H Club. This fall, she will be attending Waubonsie Community College where she will study graphic arts and design. She hopes to pursue a career in animation. Her parents are Eric and Brenda Johnson in Maple Park.

Maddie Klinken – $1,000 Scholarship from 4-H Foundation – Maddie is a 9-year 4-H’er. She is a member of a Bit More 4-H Club. This fall, Maddie will be attending William Woods University, pursuing a degree in equine administration. Her parents are Rob and Sandy Klinken of St. Charles.

Emily Studt – $1,000 Scholarship from 4-H Foundation – Emily was an 11-year member of 4-H, graduating from the UnO'Fergetables 4-H Club. She attends St. Ambrose University and is working toward her goal of a doctorate degree in physical therapy. She is the daughter of Christine Studt of Elgin.

Rebecca Dunteman – $1,000 Scholarship from 4-H Foundation – Rebecca is a 10-year member of 4-H and is part of the Big Rock 4-H Club. This fall, Emma will attend Western Illinois University and plans to study education. Her parents are Bill and Kari Dunteman of Big Rock.

All monies for these scholarships are made available through Kane County 4-H fundraising efforts, and are used for scholarships and private donations to the Kane County 4-H Foundation. The Bob Konen Memorial Scholarship was first available in 2010 and is made possible through memorial donations from family and friends. Konen was a 50-year 4-H supporter serving as a member, club leader, and a volunteer.

Donations and monies raised by the Kane County 4-H Foundation support many countywide events and activities including volunteer support, training, and recognition; 4-H Government Day; fair activities and fair awards; clean farm awards; educational scholarships; and general 4-H and University of Illinois Extension office support.

Carnival Fundraisers at Kane County Fair

Congratulations to these lucky winners of Bucket Raffle and Silent Auction Items and thank you for your support of the Kane County Foundation and agricultural education.

Bucket Raffle:

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