



Henry County

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“Bushels for Hunger” Grain Drive Kicks off 13th Year

The Bushels for Hunger program is kicking off its 13th year of area farmers helping local families. Farmers can donate bushels of grain at participating elevators from October 1, 2022 until January 31, 2023. Proceeds from grain sales will benefit River Bend Food Bank and food pantries throughout the

Quad City area. Since 2010, area farmers have donated a total of \$277,000 and provided over 1.4 million meals to those in need.

Mercer County farmer and Illinois Farm Bureau District 3 Director Jeff Kirwan is excited about this year's campaign. “It's exciting to see the Bushels for Hunger campaign still

going strong 13 years after it began. Our local farmers continue to generously donate thousands of bushels of grain to help fight hunger in the Quad City communities,” Kirwan says.

Mike Secymore, Grain Merchandiser with Gold Star FS said, “I believe that the Bushels for Hunger program

is a good way for the local farmers to give back to the community. It is nice that the money stays here locally and is helping neighbors who may be struggling to put food on the table.”

The Bushels for Hunger program is a joint program coordinated by the following three Illinois County Farm Bureaus: Rock

Island, Henry, and Mercer in conjunction with the following area grain elevators and ethanol plants: Atkinson Grain, Big River Resources, Cargill, CHS, Gavilon, Gold Star FS, Hillsdale Elevator, River Valley Cooperative and Rumbold & Kuhn. For more information, contact your local County Farm Bureau.

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Excess of revenues over expenditures:	\$ 41,470
Beginning Balance:	\$176,212
Ending Balance:	\$217,682

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DATEBOOK****NOVEMBER**

- 2 Ag Literacy Coalition Meeting via Zoom, 4pm
- 3 HCFB Women's Meeting, 5:30 pm, FB Boardroom
- 5 HCFB Young Leaders "Cram the Cab" Food Drive, 9am-2pm, Fareway, Geneseo
- 6 Daylight Savings Time Ends – Turn your clocks back 1 hour!
- 7 HC Pork Producers Meeting, 7pm, FB Boardroom
- 8 General Election Day
- 9 Katie Laleman, HCFB Manager, live on WKEI1450 AM, 8:25am
- 10 Market Outlook Seminar – Lavender Crest Winery, 6:15pm, RSVP Required
- 11 Veterans Day – HCFB Office Closed
- 15 HCFB Annual Meeting, 6:30pm, FB Boardroom
HCFB Board of Directors Meeting (following Annual Meeting)
- 24 Happy Thanksgiving! HCFB Office Closed
- 25 HCFB Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 3-6 Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting – Chicago, IL
- 5 HC Pork Producers Meeting, 7pm, FB Boardroom
- 8 HC Beef Association Meeting, 7pm, FB Boardroom

RECIPE

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**Apple Butter Cookies**

From the kitchen of Carol Dobbels

Bars:

- 4 eggs
- 2 C sugar
- 2 C pumpkin
- 1 C vegetable oil
- 2 C flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 1 cup nuts (chopped)

Beat eggs, sugar, and oil until light and fluffy. Add pumpkin and beat together. Sift together flour, baking soda, baking powder, and cinnamon, and then add to pumpkin mixture. Combine. Stir in nuts.

Pour into a greased sheet cake pan and bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

Frosting:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

- 3 oz. cream cheese
- ¾ stick butter
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 Tbsp cream
- 3 C powdered sugar

Softens cream cheese and butter, and mix with cream, vanilla, and powdered sugar. Beat until smooth & creamy.

Frost bars when cool, and sprinkle with chopped nuts.

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Grant Dollars Lead To Discovery For Henry County Youth Through Agriculture In The Classroom

Cambridge, Ill. — The Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) program remains a trusted resource for Henry County children to learn about agriculture. The program recently received funding to continue classroom lessons thanks to IAA Foundation grants to local county coalitions.

Eighty coalitions serving 89 Illinois counties were awarded \$647,000 in grant dollars which can be used for materials, trainings, educational lessons and activities taking place during the 2022-2023 school year. “Providing these grants ensures access to lessons with emphasis on STEM that incorporate accurate agricultural content for teachers and students,” said Kevin Daugherty, education director, IAITC.

During a typical school year, more than 650,000 students and close to 40,000 teachers engage in ag literacy lessons through IAITC. “The last two years have been anything but typical in Illinois schools, however this past school year, we saw student reach increase by 25% and teacher reach increase by 55%, showing a positive trend as re-adjustments continue.” Daugherty reflected.

County coalition grants are made possible through funding from the IAA Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau. The IAA Foundation raises funds for

the IAITC program each year, and in addition to county grants, provides funding for Ag Mags, teacher grants, Summer Ag Academies and more.

“Consistent outreach requires steadfast supporters,” said Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation. “We are grateful to annual donors who understand how important efforts to enhance agriculture literacy can be. Every year there are new fourth graders to connect with, and our donors understand and appreciate IAITC’s efforts to get the job done.”

Partner organizations of IAITC include Illinois Farm Bureau, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Pork Producers

Association, Illinois Soybean Association, Midwest Dairy Association, Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

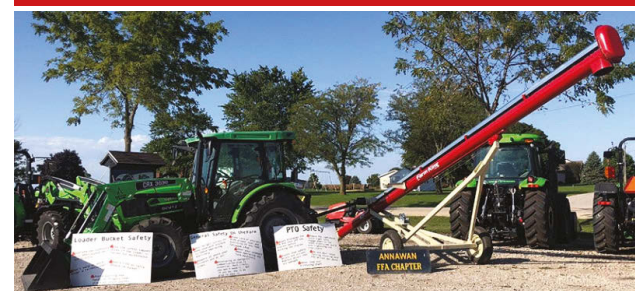
In addition, annual donors include agribusiness partners and individuals with an interest in supporting the future of agriculture. For information on how individuals can contribute, visit www.iaafoundation.org. For information on IAITC, visit www.aginthe-classroom.org.

Young Leaders Award Scholarships



Trent Fransene, Vice Chair of the Young Leaders, presented Cambridge FFA Members, Ellie Doubet and Mason Palmer with scholarships for the purchase of their FFA Jackets. Each year the Young Leaders select FFA members to receive the scholarships based on their FFA involvement and goals.

FFA Safety Display Contest Held



In honor of National Farm Safety and Health Week in September the Young Leaders sponsored a safety display contest. Entries were received from the Annawan and Cambridge FFA Chapters. Congratulations to the Cambridge FFA Chapter for their first-place display. The chapter received a cash award from the Farm Bureau Young Leaders.



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Market Outlook featuring Naomi Blohm, Total Farm Marketing



Naomi Blohm, Senior Market Advisor with Total Farm Marketing, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, November 10 at 6:15 p.m.

at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona. Dinner will be served followed by the local grain market update from Tom Parchert of Big River Resources. **Reservations are required and must be made by November 3 to guarantee your attendance.**

Naomi Blohm is a specialist at helping farmers understand how to manage their cash marketing needs.

In addition, she helps them understand the importance of managing basis, delivery point considerations, cash flow needs and storage capacity. She also assists with explaining, implementing, and managing futures and options strategies for clients.

Naomi earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Agriculture Business at the University of Wisconsin

in Platteville. She has a Master of Science in Adult Education with an emphasis in Ag Economics, University of Wisconsin, Platteville, and a Master Certificate in Global Education, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

Additional dates and speakers for the 2022-2023 series include: March 9, Dr. Trent Ford, Illinois State Climatologist; July 6, Clayton Pope,

Clayton Pope Commodities.

Cost for the series is \$85.00 and a single session is \$30.00 (if not pre-registered cost will be \$35.00). To make reservations, please call the Henry County Farm Bureau (309) 937-2411, Rock Island County Farm Bureau (309) 736-7432 or Mercer County Farm Bureau (309) 582-5116.

The Market Outlook Seminar Series

is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees in conjunction with: Gold Star FS; COUNTRY Financial- Brent Bigham, Chad Nelson, John Waugh; Compeer Financial; River Valley Cooperative; Wyffels Hybrids; Big River Resources; BankO-RION; Blackhawk Bank & Trust; Central Bank.

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Health Dept Announces National Nurse Practitioner's Week, November 6-12

The Henry and Stark County Health Department announces that November 6-12, 2022 has been proclaimed National Nurse Practitioner's Week.

RaeAnn Tucker, Director of Health Promotion with the Health Department and First Choice Healthcare states, "Nurse Practitioners (NPs) serve as trusted frontline health care providers for patients in our community, state, and nation. In addition to diagnosing and treating acute and chronic conditions, Nurse Practitioners focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices."

Tucker adds, "During National Nurse Practitioner's Week we celebrate and remind area residents of our five Clinic & Psychiatric Mental Health Family Nurse Practitioners at our First Choice Healthcare Clinics in Kewanee and Colona. During the cold and flu season many of us may need to seek medical attention for sick appointments. Our clinics are a great option for those without a regular health care provider, or for someone who may not be able to get into their provider in a timely manner. An acute ill visit may include such ailments as sore throats, earaches, and urinary tract infections. Our psychiatric mental health practitioners

see patients needing help with such things as depression, anxiety, stress, behavioral issues, trauma and loss."

Tucker concludes, "Many people do not realize that the array of Clinical and Behavioral/Mental Health Services we offer. Due to the fact that many of our programs receive Federal and State funding, savings can be passed on. Our clinic services can offer access to low-cost health care to those without health insurance or those who have a high insurance deductible. You do have to be a resident of Henry or Stark County to access many services. We do accept some insurances. Call our offices to see if your insurance is one of

them.

For more information or to schedule an appointment at our First Choice Healthcare Clinics,

call the Department at (309) 852-5272 (Kewanee) or 792-4011 (Colona) or visit our website at www.henrystarkhealth.com or

find us on Facebook at Henry and Stark County Health Departments or Follow Us on Twitter.



Marilou Johnson, FNP and Mary Fuller, FNP of the Henry and Stark County Health Departments First Choice Healthcare Clinic in Kewanee consult on a patient's case. The First Choice Healthcare Clinics remind area residents that their Family Nurse Practitioners in Kewanee and Colona can help area residents get through this year's cold and flu season as they are open for acute sick/ill visits. The Health Department is celebrating National Nurse Practitioner's Week, November 6-12th



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FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Henry County Farm Bureau Foundation to be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. The Foundation meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Henry County Farm Bureau, Cambridge, Illinois.



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FARM GATE

By Joanie Stiers



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

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

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

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

trogen and phosphorous losses to Illinois waters, the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico.

Armed with generations of experience, evolving research and modern technology, today's farmers have more tools than during Grandpa's farming career to finetune management of soil nutrients. A significant part of that effort focuses on the 4R strategy, or placing the right fertilizer source, at the right rate, right time and in the right place. Success combines these specific fertilizer targets with agro-

nomic and conservation practices.

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

Global-positioning technology allows us to variably apply nutrients across soils based on defined, site-specific needs,

which vary by crop, by field and soil types within a field. Our tests with the evolving market of biologicals shows promise to use soil microbes to enhance fertilizer's availability to plants while supporting yield.

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

to support implementation of the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

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

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

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Getting to know your Farm Bureau policy

In order for you to better understand Farm Bureau policy, we run articles each month in the *Farmer*:

75. GOVERNMENT FARM POLICIES

We believe United States agriculture should be an integral part of the solution for hunger, energy, environment, food security, our balance of trade, and national security. In order to accomplish these goals, the Farm Bill must address world competition, humanitarian need, and world trade obligations. A stable, safe agricultural production system is essential to the United States' economy and national security.

To accomplish this objective, we believe:

- Consumers should have a reliable, abundant, safe, and nutritious food supply.
- In enhancing U.S. agriculture's competitiveness in the world market.
- In minimizing world hunger and nutrition deficiencies.
- In creating a long-term, competitive, desirable agricultural growth industry.
- In improving the quality of rural life by increasing rural economic development.
- In providing revenue protection to farmers thus protecting net farm income.
- The market should give accurate economic signals to consumers and farmers.
- There should be less reliance on government and more on the market.
- Improvements to the environment can be achieved through expanded soil conservation, water and air quality initiatives, and advanced technological procedures that are science-based and are economically feasible.
- Farmers should be compensated for their positive impact on habitat, wildlife, and the environment.

We oppose:

- Severing the essential link between the nutrition title and the commodity title of the Farm Bill.
- Any type of government supply control or acreage reduction program, with the exception of conservation programs.
- A Farmer Owned Reserve for agricultural commodities.
- The extension of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) commodity loans beyond the current nine-month term.
- The removal of base acres on any farm that is participating in a renewable energy project.

We support:

- Appropriate income assistance until reforms in taxation, regulation, and market access and growth are achieved.
- Maintaining the sanctity of contracts established in the Farm Bill.
- Allowing tenants with multiple landlords to treat each farm as a separate entity for compliance with the Farm Bill.
- Not holding tenants responsible for landlord's actions of farm program payments and eligibility. This should hold steady as long as the tenant had no involvement in what took place. The farm in question should go through the hearing process but other farms should not be affected. Actions by a landlord should not place any tenant farm program payments in jeopardy. The tenant should be able to maintain eligibility for all farms.
- The ability of landlords to refuse payment from the farm program and allow tenants the ability to obtain complete payment from the farm program (even if a combination lease exists between the landlord and tenant).
- The elimination of any United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requirement to report the specific cash rental amounts outlined in lease agreements between a landlord and a tenant in an effort to protect a farmer's right to privacy. We do, however, support the requirement to report the type of lease agreement.
- Strengthening the criteria for non-landowner persons eligible

for farm program payments by requiring a significant contribution of active personal management in the farm decision-making process and labor in the farming operation. The current exemption for crop share landowners should be continued.

- Farmers ability to improve existing drainage systems without being penalized. Land that has been in production, including pasture, should be exempt from the sodbuster and swampbuster provisions.
- The implementation of more efficient processes, systems, and procedures in order to consolidate and simplify farm program participant visits to the USDA.
- Using common dates between Risk Management Agency (RMA) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) for acreage reporting deadlines.
- Consolidation of the power of attorney form to enable the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) to honor the same power of attorney forms.
- Open enrollment of land in the farm program that was not previously in the program and has changed tenancy or ownership during the duration of the Farm Bill.
- Government agencies serving farmers by adjusting hours to accommodate the needs of farmers with off-farm employment and increased use of internet for electronic filing.
- Requiring USDA to complete evaluation within 10 business days on requests to clear fence rows and/or timber on land. If after 10 business days the evaluation is not complete, USDA forfeits the right to object and/or penalize.
- The means to implement and administer programs being in place prior to starting dates for new programs.
- Adding alfalfa and grassland forages as covered commodities.
- Requirement changes to the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) that would allow government owned land into the program if it is leased by a farmer for the duration of the contract period.
- Allowing a compliant entity to be eligible to participate in USDA programs on all parcels that are not in violation of swampbuster or sodbuster regulations.
- Eliminating the requirement for reporting non-program grass waterways/fallow areas that are baled for forage. If eliminating the forage reporting on non-program acres is unachievable, we support reporting acres only at the time when the principal field crop is reported.
- A commodity loan program.
- Raising loan rates above levels established in the 2008 Farm Bill for current program commodities and loan repayments be credited back to CCC to maintain budget neutrality.
- Payments or programs that compensate farmers for activities deemed socially or environmentally beneficial.
- Encouraging production and stewardship decisions that will attract public support.
- Allowing farms that have not been participating in farm programs and are not eligible to receive program benefits to establish a base and enroll in future farm programs.
- The continuation of and funding for Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP).
- Livestock Disaster and Emergency Program provisions.
- Individual farm program payments for any actively engaged farmer regardless of the farm's organizational structure.
- Farm program payments based on units of production (i.e., acres, bushels, head, pound, etc.) regardless of farm size, business organization, or management structure as the fairest and most equitable means of distributing payments to farmers.

Future Farm Policy

IFB members believe the Farm Bill must be WTO-compliant, provide price and revenue protection for farmers, and link nutrition and commodity programs. Crop insurance remains our top priority in the Farm Bill. The bill must continue to feature

commodity programs and encourage production and stewardship decisions that attract public support. We support robust conservation programs that will help farmers achieve state nutrient loss reduction goals.

Crop Insurance

We support:

- Creating a local or state farmer committee oversight and appeals process for RMA decisions on overspray and planting dates.
- Creating a state or county committee to provide oversight and appeals process for RMA decisions that adversely impact crop insurance policy holders.
- A producer who elects to include a Harvest Price Option (HPO) should be able to receive the harvest price if it is higher on prevented plant acres.

Farm Programs

We support:

- Allowing producers to update base acres and yields.
- Making renewable energy project base acres be treated the same as Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) base acres.
- Inflation-adjusted farm program payment limits.
- Increased commodity loan rates.
- Maintaining Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in the Farm Bill.

Dairy Programs

We support:

- Risk management programs that address negative price differentials.
- Changing or eliminating state-by-state adjustment factors in Dairy Revenue Protection (Dairy-RP) that greatly limited support to producers.

Improving the accuracy of Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) feed price component.

Providing National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) sufficient resources so it can more accurately estimate alfalfa prices.

Disaster Assistance

We support:

- Maintaining programs for animal disease prevention and management.
- Federal government spending that protects agricultural production and processing from cyber-attacks.

We oppose creation of a permanent disaster program that would jeopardize a robust crop insurance program and create public relations problems for agriculture.

Conservation Programs

We support:

- Creation of a per-acre cover crop discount on crop insurance premiums that also rewards early adopters.
- A 5-year CRP contract.
- A flexible, renewable one-year program that pays producers rates similar to CRP that incentivizes specified nutrient loss reduction or management practices on working ground or land currently in production with an emphasis on improving water quality.
- Incentives for farmers who use cover crops by giving them credit for sequestering carbon.

Creation of a water quality credit for producers.

Publicly funded university research on soil carbon.

Using CSP to reward producers for practices they have already adopted and give more points for maintaining practices over time.

- Addressing the shortage of conservation engineers to approve projects.

Providing additional flexibility for harvesting cover crops for feed during normal conditions, not just for prevent plant.

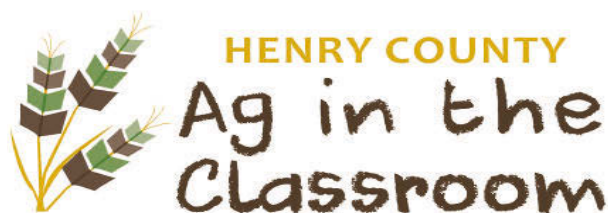
Solar Energy

We support a federal (USDA or Department of Energy) program to incentivize solar panel installations on farm buildings and bins.

Exploding Pumpkins!



Sixth grade students at Orion Middle School did an “exploding” pumpkin activity during their Agriculture in the Classroom lesson.



Pumpkin Life Cycle



Third grade students at Cambridge Elementary School learned about pumpkins and made a pumpkin life cycle charm with Ag in the Classroom Coordinator, Paula Janson.

Learning About Bats



As part of their Ag in the Classroom lesson, first graders at Visitation School in Kewanee learned how bats help farmers and made a craft bat.

Farm Bureau Women Donate Books



The Henry County Farm Bureau Women donated agricultural books to all grade schools and public libraries in the county. This is the 32nd year the committee has donated farm or agriculture-related books in Henry County. The book presented this year was “Right This Very Minute: A Table-to-Farm Book About Food and Farming” by Lisl H. Dettlesen. Deb Larson, Vice Chair of Farm Bureau Women, is pictured presenting the book to John Sayers, Cambridge Library Director.

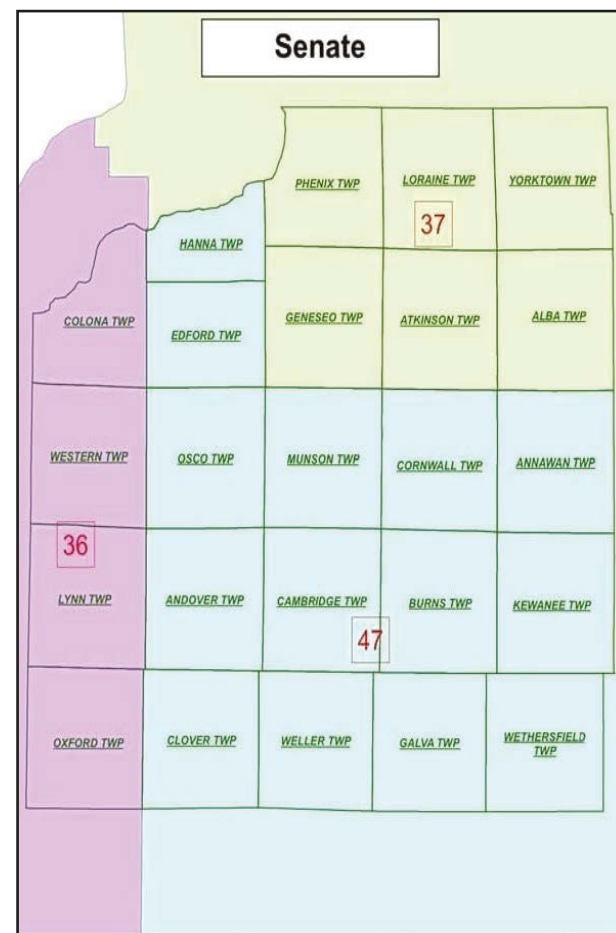
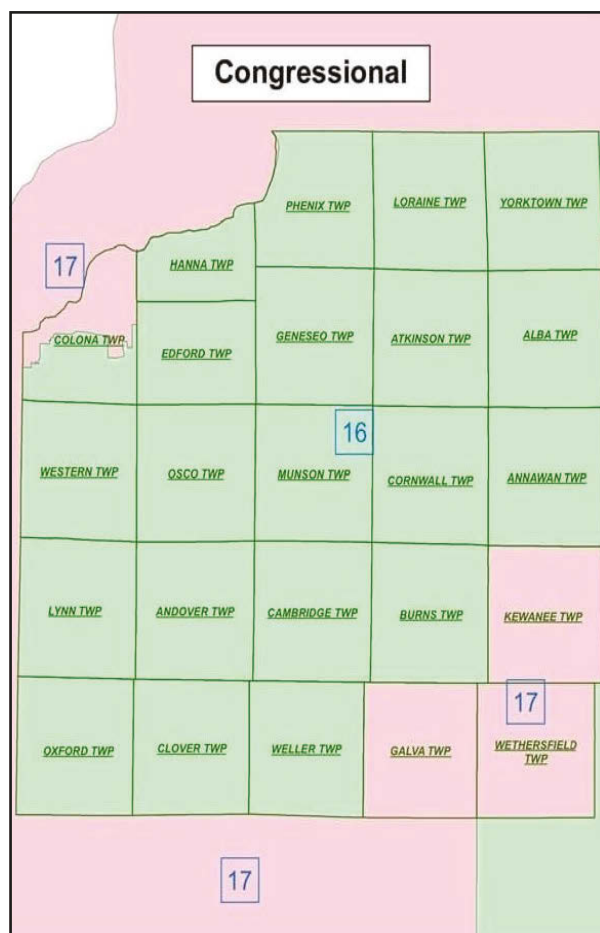
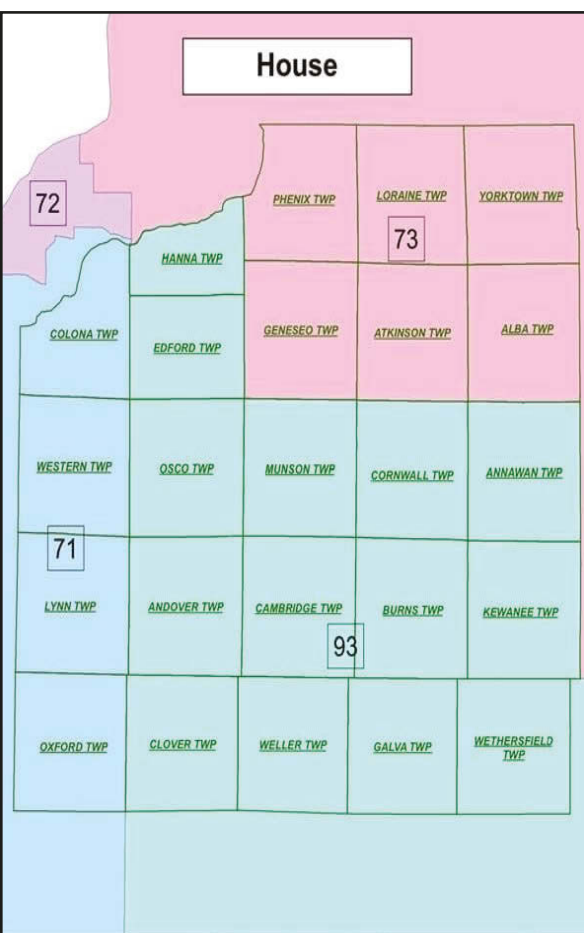
Grain Bin Rescue Class Held



On September 11 the Colona Fire Department hosted a grain bin rescue class. The class was attended by thirty-five firefighters from six local volunteer departments. The all-day class consisted of hands-on training in the use of the “Great Wall of Rescue” grain bin rescue sleeve system. This rescue sleeve system was donated to Colona Fire by the Hillsdale Elevator Company. The cost of the training and extrication equipment was donated by Gold Star FS River Valley Coop, Michlig Ag and The Keppy Foundation. The volunteers learned how to enter a grain bin safely and how to cut a grain bin properly. Methods for removing the farmer as quickly and safely as possible were taught. Handling auger and machinery entrapment emergencies were also demonstrated. Firefighters learned how to properly free a farmer and how to give lifesaving first aid. Firefighter safety was stressed. At the end of the day, all the participants had a much better understanding of the challenges involved in farm emergencies. Colona Fire is very grateful to the donors who made this training possible and to the mutual aid partner departments who learned with us.

Submitted by Kait Meeker, Colona Fire Department

Henry County, IL – Legislative District Maps



• JOB ANNOUNCEMENT • Resource Conservationist

The Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking applicants for the Resource Conservationist Position. This is a full-time position with salary based on experience and education. College degree in Agriculture or Natural Resources preferred but not required. Benefits will be provided and can be discussed in more detail at the time of interview.

Candidates should be self-motivated, organized, work independently, and have strong written and oral communication skills. This individual will be tasked with the day-to-day operation of the Soil and Water Conservation District. This position will report to the SWCD board of directors and is responsible for carrying out the annual plan of operation and maintaining a program within the annual budget.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Assist Administrative Duties for the SWCD
- Provide technical assistance to landowners of Henry County
- Complete required trainings to become a Level III Conservation Planner
- Administer IDOA Grant Agreement
- Work with local partners to coordinate education events for both landowners and students
- Work with NRCS and participate in the Administrative Agreement and the CRP Contribution Agreement
- Complete Layout, Survey, and Design of conservation practices
- Able to work outside in adverse conditions and walk up to a mile to remote field sites
- Able to lift up to 50 pounds in order to move tools, supplies, and equipment

On the job training will be provided to secure any necessary engineering or ecological job authority, conservation planning rolls, and computer skills. A working knowledge of agriculture is preferred but not required. A limited amount of overnight travel may be required.

Valid driver's license and proof of automobile insurance is required. Employment will be contingent upon receiving a satisfactory United States Department of Agriculture background investigation.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and at least three professional references to Sharon Matson 16224 Illinois Highway 81, Cambridge, IL 61238. Application packets may be emailed to Sharon_matson@yahoo.com. Applications packets may also be dropped off at the Soil and Water Conservation District Office during business hours. Applications will be accepted until November 11, 2022.

Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.



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