



# HENRY COUNTY FARMER

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## “BUSHEL FOR HUNGER”

### GRAIN DRIVE KICKS OFF 14TH YEAR

The Bushels for Hunger program is kicking off its 14th year of area farmers helping local families. Farmers can donate bushels of grain at participating elevators from October 1, 2023 until January 31, 2024. Proceeds from grain sales will benefit River Bend Food Bank and food pantries throughout the Quad City area. Since 2010, area farmers have donated over \$300,000 and provided over 1.6 million meals to those in need.

Mercer County farmer and Illinois Farm Bureau District 3 Director Jeff Kirwan is excited about the continued efforts of the campaign.

“Fourteen years after its start, the Bushels for Hunger campaign is as strong as ever. Our local farmers continue to support the program and generously donate bushels of grain to help fight hunger in the Quad City communities,” Kirwan says.

“We are extremely grateful for this partnership and all of the farmers who participate,” said Nancy Renkes, President and CEO of River Bend Food Bank. “It is another great example of the tremendous community support that can ultimately end hunger in our area.”

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, Gold Star FS, Hillsdale Elevator, River Valley Cooperative and Rumbold & Kuhn. For more information, contact your local County Farm Bureau.



## MARKET OUTLOOK SEMINAR

### FEATURING TED SEIFRIED

Ted Seifried, Vice President and Chief Market Strategist with Zaner Ag Hedge, will be the featured speaker on Wednesday, November 8 at 6:15 p.m. at Lavender Crest Winery, 5401 US Highway 6, Colona. Dinner will be served followed by an update from Tom Parchert, Big River Resources. Reservations are required and must be made by November 1 to guarantee your attendance.

Ted is a Vice President at Zaner in charge of Zaner Ag Hedge. He specializes in agricultural hedging employing various strategies using futures, futures spreads, outright options, and options combinations. He believes it is paramount to be able to use different strategies to adapt to market conditions. Ted works one on one with large to mid-size grain and livestock producers and end users throughout the world.

In the media, Ted is often quoted by Dow Jones, Reuters, WSJ, and Bloomberg. Ted is a reoccurring guest analyst on Bloomberg TV, Ag Day, RFDtv, Market to Market and Agritalk with Chip Flory.

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Cost for the single session is \$35.00 (if not pre-registered cost will be \$40.00). 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 Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees in conjunction with: Gold Star FS; BankORION; COUNTRY Financial - Alan Davis, Crop Insurance; Central Bank; COUNTRY Financial - Brent Bigham, Tracy Bigham, Chad Nelson, John Waugh; Big River Resources; River Valley Cooperative; Diamond Ag; Wyffels Hybrids; Compeer Financial (Aledo & Geneseo offices); COUNTRY Financial - Dan Kniss, Mike Geuns, Eric Henderson, Julie Hessler, Tom McKie, Jerry Samuelson, Erin Spivey, Katie Spivey, Cassie Stahler; Blackhawk Bank & Trust; Hertz Farm Management.

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# HENRY & STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND FIRST CHOICE HEALTHCARE STILL HAVE SEASONAL FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE IN KEWANEE & COLONA

The Henry and Stark County Health Departments and First Choice Healthcare remind area residents that this year's Seasonal Flu Shots for Adults (18 yrs.+ ) are still available at both First Choice Healthcare Clinics in Kewanee and Colona. Flu shots are available by appointment or on a "Walk-In" basis Monday-Friday 8am-4pm at both locations. Bring your Medicare or insurance card, cash or check at time of vaccination.

According to the CDC, flu activity most commonly peaks in the US in January or February; so, this is a great time to get your seasonal flu shot. This year the Health Department is administering the 4-component Quadrivalent Seasonal Flu shot through our First Choice Healthcare locations in Kewanee and Colona. We believe this vaccine is going to give our area residents the most comprehensive protection from the Influenza this year.

The Health Department and First Choice Healthcare are encouraging everyone 6 months of age and older to get vaccinated against the flu this year. People at high risk of serious flu complications are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated. These "at-risk" persons include small children, pregnant women, people with chronic health problems like asthma, diabetes, smokers, heart and lung disease, health care workers, and people 65 years and older.

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# MARKET OUTLOOK SEMINAR SERIES



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# HENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU DATEBOOK

## NOVEMBER

- 11/1 .....RSVP deadline for November Market Outlook Seminar
- 11/2 .....HCFB Women's meeting  
HCFB Boardroom @ 5:30pm
- 11/4 .....Young Leaders  
"Cram the Cab" Food Drive  
Geneseo Fareway, 9am-2pm
- 11/5 ..... Turn your clocks back one hour!  
It's the end of daylight saving's time
- 11/6 .....Pork Producers meeting  
HCFB boardroom, 7pm
- 11/8 .....Katie Laleman, HCFB Manager,  
live on WKE11450 AM  
8:25am
- 11/8 .....Market Outlook Seminar  
Lavendar Crest Winery, 6:15pm.  
RSVP Required to attend.
- 11/9 .....Beef Association meeting  
HCFB boardroom, 7pm
- 11/21 .....HCFB Executive Committee meeting  
6:30pm
- 11/21 .....HCFB Annual Business meeting  
HCFB boardroom, 6:30pm
- 11/21 .....HCFB Board of Directors meeting  
HCFB boardroom, following the annual meeting
- 11/23-11/24.....Happy Thanksgiving!  
HCFB office is closed.

## DECEMBER

- 12/2-12/5 ..... Illinois Farm Bureau  
Annual Meeting  
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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 19, 2023. The Foundation meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Henry County Farm Bureau, Cambridge, Illinois.



### Annawan Display Places 2nd in Contest

Justine Johnson, HCFB Young Leader, is pictured presenting the second-place award check to the Annawan FFA Chapter for their display during National Farm Safety & Health Week. The chapter display could be viewed at Anderson Enterprises in Annawan and promoted farm safety.



### FFA Jacket Scholarship Presented

Kate Huffman, HCFB Young Leader, is pictured presenting the FFA Jacket Scholarship award to Sage Kaiser of the Galva FFA Chapter. Sage was one of three applicants selected to receive a scholarship from the Farm Bureau Young Leaders to be used towards the purchase of her FFA Jacket.



### Cambridge FFA Members Honored

Trent Fransene, Vice Chair of the Young Leaders, presented awards at the recent meeting of the Cambridge FFA Chapter. Pictured with Trent are FFA Jacket Scholarship recipients, Kenley Medley and Tucker Taber. The Chapter also received an award of \$200 for their first-place entry in the National Farm Safety & Health Week display contest.



### Training Held for First Responders

September 24th, forty rural volunteer firefighters from thirteen departments met in Colona to train for farm implement emergencies. Tractor rollover, corn head entrapment, and PTO and auger entanglements were all simulated. The different departments worked together in teams to remove victims swiftly and safely. Those attending learned how to use equipment and materials as effectively as possible. The training was funded by generous grants from the Keppy Foundation, Gold Star FS and River Valley Cooperative. (Submitted by Kait Meeker)



### Farm Bureau Women Donate Books

The Henry County Farm Bureau Women donated agricultural books to all grade schools in the county. This is the 33rd year the committee has donated farm or agriculture-related books to the grade schools and public libraries in the county. The Farm Bureau Women hope more children might be reached through the teachers in conjunction with studies on agriculture. The book presented this year is "Applesauce Day" written by Lisa J. Amstutz and illustrated by Talitha Shipman. Pictured receiving the book donation is Anne Seys (left), Geneseo School Librarian and Karen Lyman, representing the Henry County Farm Bureau Women.



### Students Attend "Share the Road"

The Farm Bureau Health & Safety Committee conducted the "Share the Road" program for Henry County Driver's Education students. Over 320 students, from seven high schools, heard the message of safe driving and sharing the road with farm equipment. Farm Bureau was joined by Gold Star FS and the Henry County Sheriff's Department to conduct the program. Jeff Burke, Gold Star FS Operations Manager, is pictured speaking to students at the countywide program held on September 20 at the Henry County Fairgrounds.

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### MEAL SET INCLUDES TWO OF EACH:

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- Lasagna
- Pulled Pork
- Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta
- Pork Loin with roasted potatoes & veggies

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Return bottom portion with payment by November 30

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# of Meal Sets ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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# FARM GATE

By Joanie Stiers



## IN THE BAG PIZZA PROJECT PROMOTES THE FAMILIES IN FARMING

For years, I triggered curious looks from fellow restaurant patrons while holding my commercial-sized pizza delivery bag. Nowadays, I get asked if I'm with DoorDash, a food delivery service.

Until recently, the presence of this red pizza bag felt so unorthodox that my husband and kids were too embarrassed to show it in public. But I had no shame for the sake of hot pizza and took that bag right inside the front doors of Casey's General Store or other pizza places during an era when only delivery drivers carried them. We live 30 minutes from a city with significant grocery shopping and restaurant options. We clock 15 minutes from the nearest Casey's, where we frequently order pizza. I permanently carry a cooler in my van, too.

Appropriately timed, National Pizza Month falls in October during the heart of the harvest season when pizza pickups equally deliver

"pick-me-ups" for the harvest crew. Field meals provide a moment to look forward to in a 12-plus-hour harvest day. And this year, Casey's teamed with the Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois commodity groups to use pizza to promote the "We are the 96%" Campaign in celebration of the family farmer.

Contrary to common belief, families – not corporations – own and operate 96% of Illinois farms. Farm groups and Casey's sought to debunk the corporate myth with images of Illinois farm families like ours in self-stick flyers on 250,000 Casey's pizza boxes statewide in the month of October.

Three generations of our family and employees make up our harvest crew, and the pizza bag performs. It maintains warmth for up to 10 meals in Styrofoam containers and up to five large pizzas, one more than advertised. The bag doubles as an over-sized soft cooler when

I throw in some ice packs and certainly makes my list of favorite things. Today, I own pizza bags for two vehicles. My sister-in-law owns one. My mom, three. Collectively, we can handle delivery for the annual 4-H pizza party for 100 people.

"Is Grandma bringing food?" our son often texts from the tractor with grain cart during the 5 o'clock hour. Our now-15-year-old asked the same question at age 4 when he visited the fields during harvest. Now he's working in them.

Yes, and by family tradition, expect pizza one night a week.

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



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Second grade students at Wethersfield Elementary School made "Pumpkin Pie in a Bag" during their Ag in the Classroom lesson.



First grade students at Wethersfield Elementary School made a Pumpkin Life Cycle Book with Ag Literacy Coordinator, Paula Janson.



Students in third grade at Wethersfield Elementary School made a Pumpkin Life Cycle Charm during their recent Ag in the Classroom Lesson.

## GRANTS PROMOTE AG LITERACY FOR HENRY COUNTY YOUTH THROUGH AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

Cambridge, IL - The Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) program continues to thrive as a resource for educating Henry County children 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, training, educational lessons, and activities taking place during the 2022-2023 school year. "Providing these grants ensures teachers have the right resources to integrate accurate agricultural content into their classrooms," said Kevin Daugherty, education director, IAITC.

Last school year, 582,594 students and 40,046 teachers engaged in ag literacy lessons through IAITC. County AITC programs

presented 28,848 individual programs throughout the state. Classroom presentations, farm field trips, and agriculture expos add a new dimension to existing curricular standards.

"IAITC continues to help highlight Illinois' #1 industry. Student reach increased 182%, showing a positive trend as we adjust to post-pandemic education," 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 and sustainable funding is key for IAITC to have great results," said Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation. "And knowing that

so many Illinois students are making stronger connections to agriculture drives our donors to keep making ag literacy a priority, and we are grateful for that."

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](http://www.iaafoundation.org). For information on IAITC, visit [www.agintheclassroom.org](http://www.agintheclassroom.org).

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# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Servings: 8

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 45 minutes

Total time: 1 hour 15 minutes

### INGREDIENTS:

- 12 ounces mostaccioli or penne
- 1-pound lean ground beef
- 1 large onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 28oz marinara sauce
- 14oz diced tomatoes, undrained
- ½ cup water
- 1 ½ teaspoons Italian Seasoning
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded
- ½ cup parmesan cheese, shredded

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease a 9x13 pan.
2. Cook pasta According to package directions in salted water until al dente. Do not overcook.
3. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan brown ground beef, onion, and garlic until no pink remains. Drain any fat.
4. Stir in marinara sauce, diced tomatoes, water, Italian seasoning, and sugar. Simmer 5 minutes. Stir in heavy cream and simmer an additional 5 minutes or until thickened.
5. Spread 1 cup of sauce in bottom of prepared pan. Add half of the cooked pasta and top with half of the remaining sauce.
6. Add remaining pasta, top with remaining cheese and sauce.
7. Bake 25-30 minutes or until hot and the cheese is lightly browned.

### NOTES:

- Do not overcook the pasta as it will cook more in the oven.
- You can substitute Italian sausage (or your favorite ground meat) for beef

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FARM BUREAU POLICY

### 90. FOOD QUALITY PROTECTION ACT

In its review and implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA), as originally intended, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must:

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4. Give higher priority to making scientific decisions rather than completing final tolerance reassessments by statutory deadlines. Sound science requires good data and valid methodologies, which require time to develop.
5. Avoid removing uses that pose theoretical risk based on unreasonable, worst case assumptions.
6. Abandon the idea of wholesale revocation of tolerances for the organophosphate insecticides.
7. Develop proposed policies and methods for risk allocation and submit them for public notice and comment review.
8. Redress the current resource imbalance between tolerance reassessment and new chemical/new use registration and accelerate the pace of making decisions on new products and uses.
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