

Henry County

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Farmland Assessment Seminars to be Held

Representative Dan Swanson is partnering with our local farm bureaus to host a series of farmland assessment meetings throughout the region. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss ongoing increases in the assessed value of farmland.

The presentations, given by Brenda Matherly, Director of Local Government with Illinois Farm Bureau, will give you a better understanding on how farmland assessments are calculated and the long-term impact on those values. Information about state government programs will be available.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

1:00 P.M.

Spoon River College Community Outreach Center, 2500 East Jackson, Macomb, IL 61455

Co-Sponsor: McDonough County Farm Bureau

3:00 P.M.

Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau Office

1000 N. Main St. #1, Monmouth, IL 61462

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30 A.M.

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11:00 A.M.

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Please RSVP to Representative Dan Swanson's office (309) 334-7474 or any of the County Farm Bureau offices listed.

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3rd Place: Blake Koning

8 YEARS OLD



1st Place: Callan Finch; 2nd Place: Charlotte Martin;
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9, 10 & 11 YEARS OLD



1st Place: Garrett Clementz; 2nd Place: Kellan DeReu;
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Henry County Farm Bureau Datebook

AUGUST

- 1 National Night Out, 6-8pm, Geneseo City Park
- 6 HCFB Young Leaders Cookout – 1pm
- 7 HC Pork Producers mtg – 7pm, Boardroom
- 9 Katie Laleman, HCFB Manager on WKEI 1450AM – 8:25am
- 11 HCFB Foundation Golf Fun Day – Baker Park, Kewanee
- 11 HCFB Office Closed – Staff at Golf Outing
- 15 HCFB Board Meeting – 7:30 pm, Boardroom
- 22 District 3 Young Leaders Discussion Meet – 6pm, Boardroom
- 30 Deadline to sign up for Market Outlook Seminar!

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day – HCFB Office Closed
- 6 Market Outlook Seminar – 6:15pm, Lavender Crest Winery, Colona, RSVP Required
- 13 Katie Laleman, HCFB Manager on WKEI 1450AM – 8:25am

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Henry & Stark County Health Departments & First Choice Healthcare Have Free Gun Locks Available

It's a small device that can save a life. The Henry and Stark County Health Departments and First Choice Healthcare announce they now have Free Gun Locks available through their offices and clinics in Kewanee and Colona.

Health Department officials note Every Day, 64 Americans die by firearm suicide — one every 22 minutes. Also of note, households that locked both firearms and ammunition were associated with a 78 percent lower risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85 percent lower risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens, compared to those that locked neither.

"These simple steps can be life saving for the adolescent or adult who reaches for a firearm in an impulsive gesture during a moment of crisis. Or for a school-age child who thinks the firearm is a toy," said RaeAnn Tucker, Director of Health Promotion with the Henry and Stark

County Health Department.

The initiative, aimed at reducing the stigma of addressing gun safety, is part of a growing effort by public health and medical professionals who are treating the country's gun violence epidemic as a public health crisis.

These gun locks are available through the Veterans Crisis Line. This is a 24/7 Confidential Crisis Support Network. Simply: Dial 988 the Press 1; or Chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat; or Text 838255.

Tucker adds, "The purpose of this program is to limit young people having easy access to guns. In addition, this initiative is being used to prevent readily accessible guns being in the hands of the wrong people or individuals in mental crisis. Therefore, we encourage family members of and those with mental health concerns to take advantage of these free gun locks.

The Health Department will also be working with other area health care professionals, law enforcement officials, mental health providers, and social service agencies to urge and help gun owners to store their weapons properly and believe safety locks, such as the ones being handed out, give people an extra layer of protection.

Residents can pick up free gun safety locks by stopping by the Henry and Stark County Health Department Offices and First Choice Healthcare clinic locations in Kewanee, 110 N. Burr Blvd; and Colona, 103 1st St., Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.

For more information on Free Gun Safety Locks program, visit our website at www.henrystarkhealth.com or find us on Facebook at Henry and Stark County Health Departments or Follow Us on Twitter and Instagram.

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There has been a recent increase in financial scams targeting farmers and construction businesses.

The scammers will find equipment for sale online/classifieds etc and will reach out to the seller like a normal transaction and may even try to negotiate a lower price. Typically, but not always, this is done either by text message, facebook, or email. The scammer will then send a check for too much money and say they accidentally included the amount which they were going to pay the shipping company as well. The scammer then instructs the seller to go ahead and cash it or deposit it and send back the remaining cash to the scammer. The scammer may even blame the "accidental" higher amount on their secretary or business partner etc to make it

sound more legitimate.

Please be mindful of scams. If something does not seem normal or correct please contact your local law enforcement. If you receive a cashier's check, money order, personal check, or any other similar type of payment please validate it with your bank to make sure it is legitimate and that it clears the originating financial institution.

Do not throw anything away (including envelopes) that you receive and do not try to trap or set up the scammer, this could potentially make it harder for the investigation; simply call your local law enforcement.

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The Gold Star FS board of directors has named Nate Pierce as its general manager, effective July 13, 2023.



Nate graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelor's degree in agronomy. He started his FS System career as a crop specialist at Gold Star FS in 2002. Nate then spent eight years working in different agronomy positions in the Western Region for GROWMARK. In 2016, he returned to Gold Star FS as the agronomy marketing manager, and since April 2023 has been serving as the interim general manager.

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Getting to know your Farm Bureau Policy

87. 9-1-1 TELEPHONE SYSTEM

We support:

- The enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system.
- Providing input into the implementation of the local system.
- All funding intended for 9-1-1 systems should carry through to those facilities.
- Increasing the 9-1-1 surcharge on cell phones to adequately support the 9-1-1 telephone system.
- Requiring the State of Illinois to forward 9-1-1 fees to the 9-1-1 operating systems within 30 days of receiving such fees.

RECIPE

Sponsored by:



Chocolate Chip Cookie Sandwiches

From the kitchen of Hilary Boelens, Cambridge

Cookie recipe

1/2 c granulate sugar	1 1/2 c all-purpose flour
1/2 c packed brown sugar	1/2 tsp baking soda
2/3 cup butter, softened	1/2 tsp salt
1 egg	1/2 c coarsely chopped nuts (optional)
1 Tbsp vanilla	6 oz semisweet chocolate chips

Instructions

Heat oven to 375°. Mix both sugars, butter, vanilla, and egg. Stir in flour, baking soda and salt (dough will be stiff). Stir in chocolate chips (and nuts). Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until light brown, about 10-12 minutes. Let cookies cool slightly then remove to a rack to cool. Makes approx. 24 cookies. Once cookies are cool, spread softened vanilla ice cream in between two cookies. Freeze in a single layer in an airtight container.



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Corkill Attends Leaders to Washington



Brian Corkill, of Galva, joined a group of 20 Illinois Farm Bureau members and staff as they traveled to Capitol Hill in July to advocate for agriculture priorities. Corkill is pictured with along with additional Farm Bureau members and staff as they met with U.S. Representative Eric Sorenson.

Weaver Meets with Young Leaders



Representative Travis Weaver attended the Henry County Fair and spoke with many of the Farm Bureau Young Leaders. The Young Leaders are Farm Bureau members that are ages 18-35 and have a strong connection to agriculture. Sponsored programs and activities include community service, leadership, networking, and educational opportunities. To learn more about the Young Leaders contact the Henry County Farm Bureau, www.henrycofarmbureau.org.

Beautiful Night for "Safety Starts with YOU"!



The Farm Bureau Health & Safety Committee held "Safety Starts with YOU" on July 12 at the Central Bank Pavilion. After a rain storm earlier in the day, the skies cleared and we had a perfect evening for the community event and Central Bank's concert that followed, featuring Angela Meyer. Those attending visited stations by the Farm Bureau, Henry County Health Department, Henry County Mental Health Alliance, Gold Star FS, Wyffels Hybrids, Geneseo Fire Department, Henry County Sheriff's Department, Geneseo Police Department, Bishop Hill Fire Department, Prairie State Tractor and Cintas. The event was made possible, in part, by a safety grant from Illinois Farm Bureau and Country Financial.

Sheriff's Dept. Joins Safety Event



The Henry County Sheriff's Department participated in the Farm Bureau's "Safety Starts with YOU" event held in July. This was the second year that the Health & Safety Committee hosted a community event to promote safety, mental health, and overall wellness.

Safety Lessons and a Treat!



Children attending the Farm Bureau's "Safety Starts with You" event ended their night with a delicious treat from Tropical Sno!

FARM GATE

By Joanie Stiers



Farm provides summer education

Having braved a gravel road, a long driveway and an unleashed outdoor dog, a college intern approached our front steps ready to give his pitch. He worked door-to-door selling books and digital resources that supplement school coursework in math, science and language arts. I kindly shared some time with the business major on the front porch, where he quickly learned that supplemental education of a different sort defines our kids' summer days.

Our 15-year-old son works on the family farm. Our 17-year-old daughter operates small businesses selling baked goods and home-grown sunflowers. Together, the kids maintain a flock of hens and sell eggs to family, neighbors and our daughter's home-based bakery. With poultry in view, the San Diego native wondered what it meant to "show chickens," as the kids had done that morning at the fair.

The farm offers a summer classroom filled with opportunities to gain life skills in problem-solving, management, organization and efficiency. The kids learn to work in heat, identify approaching rain and witness the implications of drought. We hope they gain responsibility, a sense of self-sufficiency and a work ethic through a combination of disappointment, triumph, energy and exhaustion.

Because classroom experiences don't teach how to handle a calf that escapes the pasture fence. Or that drought means feeding winter stores of hay to the cows when the summer grass doesn't grow. Our daughter reconciles bank statements, communicates with adult customers, and studies the bloom habits of various sunflower varieties. Our son changes oil in tractors, understands the functions of a planter meter and can operate more than a dozen pieces of farm equipment.

The farm work shifts to maintenance of harvest machinery by mid-summer. Sunflowers bloom and roadside sales ensue. Planning work accelerates for the kids' biggest community service event just after Labor Day. Their summers are spent unrelatable to their peers at times, but I hope they enter society as responsible, self-driven citizens who can express compassion, exhibit common sense and make a difference.

The intern left with a tip in lieu of a sale and a glimpse into a farm-inspired approach to education. Like us, he desired to make the most of the opportunities presented to him.

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

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Cost for the set of ten meals is \$200, payable to the HCFB Foundation. Deadline to order and make payment is September 15. Meal pick-up will be Tuesday, October 10, 2:30-5:00 p.m.

at the Farm Bureau office

Meal sets include one of each of the following: Hickory Smoked Pulled Pork, Tenderized Pork Chop Sandwiches, BBQ Meatball, Broccoli Cheese Soup, Smoked Pork Loin, Meatloaf with Sweet Potatoes, Lasagna, Chicken & Biscuits, Pulled Pork Mac & Cheese, Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta.

Orders and payment must be received no later than September 15. For more information or to place an order contact the HCFB office at (309) 937-2411 or email manager@henrycofarmbureau.org.

Henry County SWCD's invite you to join us for an Electroshocking & Pond Management Workshop

WHEN: September 13, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Al DeCrane, 19022 Bonham Rd. Galva, IL

We are excited to announce that Herman Brothers Lake and Land Management, based out of Peoria, IL., will demonstrate a pond shocking, and hold a pond management session. Topics of discussion will be fish population dynamics, stocking rates, species selection, fish health and growth, management/harvest, vegetation management and much more!

AGENDA: 7:30-8:00am Registration; 8:00am Electroshocking Demonstration; 10:00am Pond Management Session with Q&A; 11-12:00 Lunch

This is a FREE event, but reservations are REQUIRED!

Lunch will be catered by the Galva Subway, it will be a boxed lunch which will include a sandwich, chips, cookie, and a water. WE ASK THAT YOU BRING A LAWN CHAIR. We will only reschedule in the event of a heavy rain or thunderstorm, so dress appropriately.

RSVP to Nicolette.pysson@il.nacdn.net or Sharon.matson@il.nacdn.net or phone # 309-937-3377 ext. 3.

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