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# Market Outlook Seminar to feature Clayton Pope

Clayton Pope of Clayton Pope Commodities, LLC, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, July 6 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 June 29 to guarantee your attendance.

Clayton Pope has an extensive background in the world of agricultural risk management. From managing the largest floor operation in the industry at both the CME and the CBOT, working as a consultant serving many of the country's largest grain elevators, years of floor trading and order filling (CBOT), and acting as co-Risk Manager in charge of corn for Cargill's premier farmer consulting group, he has gained invaluable experience. This experience allows him in his current role as owner of Clayton Pope Commodities, LLC to

effectively assist today's farming operations with their risk management needs. Clayton Pope Commodities, LLC is a registered Introducing Broker and advisory firm with eight locations across the country.

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; BankORION; Blackhawk Bank & Trust; Central Bank.

## IAA FOUNDATION AWARDS \$144,501 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS PURSUING AGRICULTURE DEGREES

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Students can count on support of scholarships for college tuition during the 2023-2024 school year, courtesy of the IAA Foundation.

The charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation is awarding \$144,501 to 75 students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields. Students are selected based on their academic achievements, leadership involvement, professional career goals and overall commitment to success.

"It is a privilege to invest in students who represent a strong and vibrant future and will contribute significantly to agriculture," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation.

Zach Kampwerth of Carlyle, in Clinton county is the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership Scholarship recipient and receives a \$7,500 scholarship for the honor. IAA Foundation Distinguished Scholars Gage Miller of

Cambridge, Halie Kohl of Herscher, and David Mock of Galva, each will receive a \$5,000 award. Other scholarships being presented range in value from \$1,000 to \$3,001. A full listing of recipients can be found at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org).

Annually, the Illinois Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus combine to award more than \$1,000,000 in scholarship support.

"We work to expand our scholarship program each year to support more students as they pursue careers in agriculture," Smith said. "Through generous farm gifts and contributions from individuals, farm families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, and others who support our industry, we continue to see diversification growth in our program."

For more information on the IAA Foundation scholarship program, how to establish a scholarship, or to donate to a scholarship fund, visit the IAA Foundation's website at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org) or call 309-557-2232.

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# Henry County Farm Bureau Datebook

**JUNE**

- 5 HC Pork Producers Meeting, 7pm – HCFB Boardroom
- 8 HC Beef Association Meeting, 7pm – HCFB Boardroom
- 7-8 Ag in a Day Teacher Workshops
- 10 Birdies for Charity Deadline!!!
- 13 HCFB Board of Directors Mtg, 7:30pm – HCFB Boardroom
- 14 Katie Laleman, HCFB Manager on WKEI 1450AM, 8:25am
- 18 Happy Father's Day!
- 20-25 Henry County Fair!
- 21 Young Leader's Pedal Pull at Henry County Fair, 4:30pm Registration, 5:00pm Pull
- 29 HCFB Women's Mtg, 5:30pm – HCFB Boardroom

**JULY**

- 3 HC Pork Producers, 7pm – HCFB Boardroom
- 4 4th of July – Office Closed
- 6 Market Outlook Seminar – Lavender Crest, Colona, IL

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## Flower Presentation for Farm Bureau Women



Thank you to the ladies of Pink Prairie Gardens, of Geneseo, for the wonderful flower potting demonstration for the Henry County Farm Bureau Women. Those attending learned about how to select plants and arrange pots and planters for beautiful arrangements all summer long. For more information about Farm Bureau Women or to receive information about future programs contact the Farm Bureau office at (309) 937-2411 or email [manager@henrycofarmbureau.org](mailto:manager@henrycofarmbureau.org).

## Dairy Lesson for 6th Graders



Sixth grade students at Orion Middle School learned about dairy during their Ag in the Classroom lesson. The students made butter and did a milk emulsion experiment.



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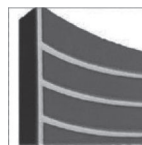
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# Health Department Notes National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, June 18-24

How's the song go? "Summertime and the living is easy." That is until you're bothered by that old seasonal nemesis the mosquito. The Henry and Stark County Health Departments announce that June 18-24 has been designated National Mosquito Control Awareness Week. In honor of this national observance the Health Department staff offers the following information on the summer mosquito season and the potential health risks associated with mosquito bites.

Over the last few years, the U.S. has had increased cases of mosquito-borne illnesses such as the West Nile Virus and other exotic diseases such as Zika virus, Dengue Fever and Chikungunya threaten our shores. While Zika virus is also primarily transmitted through the bite of a mosquito, the main type of mosquito that carries Zika virus, *Aedes aegypti*, is different and is rarely found in Illinois. However, taking some simple precautions can help you avoid mosquito bites, regardless of the type of mosquito or the diseases they carry.

Precautions include practicing the three "R's" – reduce, repel, and report.

**REDUCE** - make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or other openings. Try to keep doors

and windows shut. Eliminate, or refresh each week, all sources of standing water where mosquitoes can breed, including water in bird baths, ponds, flowerpots, wading pools, old tires, and any other containers.

**REPEL** - when outdoors, wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt, and apply insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR 3535 according to label instructions. Consult a physician before using repellents on infants.

**REPORT** – report locations where you see water sitting stagnant for more than a week such as roadside ditches, flooded yards, and similar locations that may produce mosquitoes. The local health department or city government may be able to add larvicide to the water, which will kill any mosquito eggs.

The Culex mosquito is the most common vector of West Nile Virus and other viral illnesses. The Culex mosquito relies mostly on artificial containers for breeding sites. An artificial container is anything that will hold water more than 4 to 5 days. Enormous numbers of mosquitoes are produced day after day in such containers.

Therefore, the Health Department urges area

residents to take the following steps to eliminate mosquito breeding sites:

- Discard all useless containers such as tin cans, tires, and stack buckets upside down when empty.
- Turn boats and canoes down when not in use.
- Don't allow water to stand in low areas for more than one week, add small amounts of fuel oil each week to standing pools of water that can't be drained.
- Empty and clean wading pools and bird baths once a week.
- Drain all livestock tanks once a week.
- Cover rain barrels and cisterns with mesh wire screening.
- Puncture holes in the bottom of tire swings to drain accumulated water.
- Clean out gutters and spouts of accumulated debris.
- Repair or replace screening on doors and windows with appropriate mesh.

For more information on West Nile Virus or Mosquito Control Measures call the Health Department at (309) 852-0197 or visit our website at [www.henrystarkhealth.com](http://www.henrystarkhealth.com) or find us on Facebook at Henry and Stark County Health Departments or Follow Us on Twitter and Instagram.

## Van De Velde Named 4-H Program Coordinator

Kristen Van De Velde has been appointed as the new 4-H Program Coordinator for Henry and Stark Counties. She will support the work of 4-H Youth Development Educator Jennifer Peterson. Kristen had previously worked as an Office Support Assistant for Illinois Extension in the Milan office since summer of 2022. With a bachelor's degree in agriculture and life science education from Iowa State University and currently pursuing a master's degree in agricultural education and leadership from Illinois State University, Kristen brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this role. As a former 10-year member of the Burn Boosters 4-H Club and a current member of National FFA Alumni, Kristen has a strong passion for positive youth development. She will be based at IL Extension's Galva office on 358 Front Street and can be contacted directly at 217-333-7069 or [kristenv@illinois.edu](mailto:kristenv@illinois.edu). Alternatively, please feel free to call the Henry/Stark office phone number at 309-937-3447.

## RECIPE

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### Meatloaf (low sodium)

*From the Kitchen of Julie Frels*

#### Ingredients

- 1 egg
- 1 c. quick oats
- 1/3 c. no-salt ketchup
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 tsp. low sodium salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 lbs. ground beef

#### Instructions

Beat egg slightly. Stir in remaining ingredients, except beef. Add beef and mix well. Put mixture into a 9x5x3 loaf pan. Bake 325 degrees for 1 hour.

# Henry County 4-H Fair Show Schedule

Take some time to stop by the Henry County Fair, June 17-24 in Cambridge, to see 4-H members in action this summer! 4-H fair shows teach youth responsibility, hard work, perseverance, sportsmanship, communication, and leadership through caring for and showing their animals, and developing their general projects.

Be sure to stop by the Henry County 4-H food stand while you're there for a lemon shake-up and other delicious items. Food stand hours are Tues 3-7pm, and Wed-Sat, 7am-7pm. For more information about Henry County 4-H, contact Kristen Van De Velde, 4-H program coordinator at the Galva, IL office 309-932-3447 or email kristenv@illinois.edu.

## Henry County 4-H Show Schedule

### Saturday, June 17

General Projects Judging, 9-11 a.m.

General Projects will be on view in the Art Hall building during the fair starting Tues June 20 at noon - Sun June 25 at noon.

Dog Obedience & Showmanship 2 p.m.

### Wednesday, June 21

Bucket Calf Show, 1:30 p.m.

Beef Exhibitor Games, 3 p.m.

Master Showmanship, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, June 22

Swine Show, 8 a.m.

Beef Show (steers and heifers) 9 a.m.

Sheep Show (after swine show)

Goat Show (after sheep show)

Junior Livestock Auction, 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, June 23

Horse Show, 9 a.m.

### Saturday, June 24

Rabbit Show, 8 a.m.

Poultry Show, 9 a.m.

# Getting to know your Farm Bureau Policy

## 84. LEGISLATIVE AND AGRICULTURAL LEADERSHIP

We will:

1. Take aggressive positions in the development of legislation and regulations.
2. Involve County Farm Bureau leaders and members in the legislative and regulatory process.
3. Involve various groups and organizations in the development of such legislation and regulations when there is common interest in order to find the best solutions to the complex problems facing us.
4. Cooperate with county Farm Bureaus in developing and implementing programs to familiarize legislators with rural problems and concerns and to familiarize rural leaders with urban problems and concerns.

We urge the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Illinois Agricultural Association to take a leadership role in working with groups and organizations with common goals to help develop a common policy position on national legislation and regulations.

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# Birdies for Charity - Donate to the Farm Bureau Foundation

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Pledges are now a one-time flat donation. You will also be able to guess the number of birdies recorded during the John Deere Classic for your chance to win a car or other prizes. Simply fill out a pledge form by June 10 with your contact information and pledge amount and mail it to the Henry County Farm Bureau Foundation, 128 N. Prospect Street, Cambridge, IL 61238.

You may also make your donation online at <https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate> and select the Henry County Farm Bureau Foundation.

The Henry County Farm Bureau Foundation was formed in the Spring of 1984 to carry out charitable, scientific, literary, and educational work in the field of agriculture. Contributions to the Foundation are accepted from the public and are tax deductible.

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## “Share the Road” Presented to Galva Students



Kate Huffman, Chair of the Farm Bureau's Health & Safety Committee, along with John Mital of Gold Star FS, spoke to Driver's Education students at Galva High School. The “Share the Road” program helps to inform new drivers about sharing the road with farm equipment and the hazards that can be encountered on rural roads.

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## Young Leaders Sponsor T-Shirt Contest



Fourth grader, Nathan Dwyer was named the winner of the 2023 Young Leaders T-shirt Contest. Kate Huffman (left), Young Leader Chair and Stacy Markey of Gold Star FS, surprised Nathan and his classmates in Mrs. Schlindwein's class at St. Malachy during the announcement. With the support of our contest co-sponsor, Gold Star FS, all students received a t-shirt with the winning drawing. Thank you to all 4th graders that entered "The Many Seasons of Agriculture" T-shirt contest!

## Students Enjoy their Veggies!



First grade students at Cambridge Elementary School learned about growing vegetables while reading the book "Tops & Bottoms" by Janet Stevens. The students then snacked on fresh veggies during their Ag in the Classroom program with Paula Janson.

# Discount Tickets for HCFB Members

The Henry County Farm Bureau will be offering its members discounted fair tickets for the upcoming 2023 Henry County Fair, June 20-25. The prices are as follows:

Day Passes \$4 each (Limit 4)

Week Passes \$18 each (Limit 2)

Senior Passes \$13 each (Limit 2)

Passes may be purchased at the Henry County Farm Bureau Office any time during regular business hours, 8:30 am – 4 pm.

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# FARM GATE

By Joanie Stiers



In her earliest drawings, our daughter frequently sketched the sunset and its brilliant hues, including the shades of pink and purple most don't consider. She would compare anything fiery orange to the daily phenomenon. And since acquiring a cell phone in her teenage years, she takes photos of both the sunrise and sunset, often several times a week. She sends Snaps on Snapchat, pairing her photo with a country song for a poetic start or end to the day for her friends.

Our daughter keeps her eyes on the horizon, one of the wonders of farm and country life. Out here, we can watch the sun arrive and disappear at a horizon of trees and corn fields without obstruction. Seeing the sun touch the earth ranks one of the most common reasons for living out here. At every cloudless sunrise and sunset, we feel unbound and free in peaceful solitude. For me, the daily moments create a direct connection with Mother Nature that

# Sunrise, set prominent lure to country living

amplifies the praise that we vocalize in unison at Sunday worship: God is good. But I would understand if any eastbound drivers heading 20 miles to work around 6 a.m. may disagree.

The sun most often determines the length of the workday, outside of late harvest nights by tractor light. Hunters hunt from dawn to dusk. We start scouting fields at daybreak, expecting the sun's length of exposure and heat to advance the crops. Farmers look to the horizon to monitor summer storms approach or drift away with their anxiety dependent on the farm's needs.

In contrast, I enjoy visiting the Chicago suburbs, where my sister-in-law thoughtfully schedules experiences with new shops, parks and beautiful urban landscapes. I soak in doses of the city's culture, energy and especially the delicious food with accessibility. But I miss the horizon and the indescribable liberty that brings. Returning home, I look

most forward to reconnecting with it.

Ironically, a day this weekend started with a friend's meme of a country sunrise on Facebook. By evening, a friend texted me a sunset photo taken near the farm. Among my favorite summer sunrises is when I pull eastward into the driveway of the home farm by 6 a.m. The sun's rays cut through the trees of the pasture and accentuate the fog that hangs low in the river bottom of corn below the farmstead.

In paraphrasing Franklin Roosevelt, we hold to hope and belief in a better life beyond the horizon. I agree as long as we never overlook the good life within it.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family, growing corn, soybeans and hay and raising beef cattle, backyard chickens and farm kids in West-Central Illinois.*

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