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Carbon Pipeline Proposed in Henry County

What is Illinois Farm Bureau® doing?

- On June 11, 2023, the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) filed a petition to intervene in the application process for the project before the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). Intervening in the process allows IFB to be an active participant and raise issues and concerns associated with the project.
- IFB has not taken a position on either of the proposed pipeline projects. IFB does not endorse or take positions on individual pipeline projects.
- The policy passed by IFB delegates at last year's Annual Meeting states: "We support pipeline transportation of carbon dioxide captured from ethanol and fertilizer production to locations with favorable geological formations for permanent storage. All CO2 pipelines should be constructed to protect public safety and should adhere to the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) standards."

What is Henry County Farm Bureau® doing?

- Drafting new policy language to be voted on by the state delegates at the IFB Annual Meeting in December.
- Meeting and working together with other County Farm Bureaus, both facing these pipelines like us AND others who have been previously
 impacted in similar situations with utilities.
- Attending informational meetings, remaining informed and gathering the facts
- We are here to support our Henry County Farm Bureau Members! We are working for YOU!

What can you, the Landowner, do?

- Educate yourself about the project and the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) approval process and schedule
- Request recent meeting information and attorney contacts from Farm Bureau
- Do not be pressured by any company representatives, land agents or others. Seek out proper legal advice and ask questions!
- Find the facts about the project and know the sources of information
- Contact the appropriate authorities if anyone trespasses on your property

ICC Schedule for Docket 23-0475 (Wolf Carbon Solutions)

- October 24, 2023 Intervenor Direct Testimony is due to the ICC (for those that have intervened)
- January 22-26, 2024 Evidentiary Hearing before the ICC (for those that have intervened)
- May 16, 2024 Deadline for ICC Action

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

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Calendar of **Events**

OCTOBER - "National Pork Month"

10 Freezer Meals Pickup, Farm Bureau office, 2:30-5:00pm

17 HCFB Executive Committee Meeting. 7:00pm

HCFB Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30pm

NOVEMBER

8 Market Outlook Seminar, Lavender Crest Winery, 6:15pm (Must pre-register by Nov 1)

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Henry & Stark County Health Department & First Choice Healthcare Announce Schedule of Area Drive-Thru Flu Clinics

The Henry and Stark County Health Departments and First Choice Healthcare in conjunction with the Henry County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announce they will be conducting 4 Drive-Thru Adult Flu Shot Clinics for local residents in October.

The Health Department will be conducting Drive-Thru Seasonal Flu vaccinations at these times and locations:

GENESEO: Tuesday, October 3rd from 11:00am-1:00pm, Geneseo Moose Lodge Parking Lot, 1025 S. State St.

ALPHA: Thursday, October 5th from 11:00am-1:00pm, Oxford American Legion Parking Lot, 211 W. A St.

TOULON: Monday, October 9th from 11:00am-1:00pm, Stark County Junior High School New Parking Lot, 402 S. Franklin St.

KEWANEE: Thursday, October 12th from 11:00am-1:00pm, Henry & Stark County Health Department's West Parking Lot, 110 N. Burr Blvd.

These drive-thru flu clinics are for Adults (18 years of age and older) only. For children's flu vaccination; please check with your healthcare provider or call the Department's First Choice Healthcare Clinics for availability.

Flu shots will only be given on a "Drive-Thru" basis, No "Walk Ups." In addition, participants must have working car windows. Bring your

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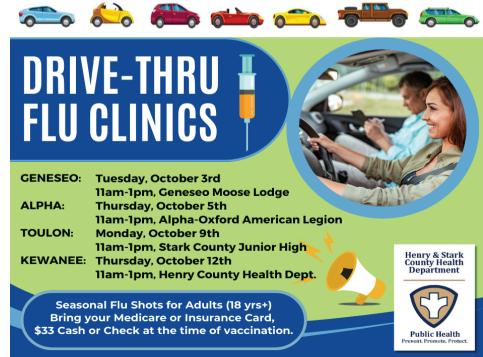
Mix first 3 ingredients in a bowl. Reserve some raspberries for garnish ~ ½ cup.
Gently mix in raspberries ~ ½ to ¾ cup. Place the reserved raspberries on top of mixed ingredients.

The Henry and Stark County Health Departments and First Choice Medicare and/or Insurance card, \$33 cash or check at the time of vaclealthcare in conjunction with the Henry County Office of Emergency cination.

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 pleased to announce that we will be administering the 4-component Quadrivalent Seasonal Flu shot at all our upcoming drive-thru flu clinics and at our First Choice Healthcare Clinic locations in Kewanee and Colona. We believe this vaccine is going to give our area residents the most comprehensive protection from influenza this year.

As usual, we 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.

For more information on the Health Department's Drive-Thru Flu Clinics call the Department's First Choice Healthcare Clinics at (309) 852-5272 Kewanee and (309) 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 and Instagram.



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Young Leaders Compete in Discussion Meet



Henry County Young Leaders competed in the District 3 Young Leader Discussion Meet. Pictured are (I to r) Jeff Knobloch, Logan Van Rheenen, Justine Johnson and District 3 Young Leader Representative and State Committee Chair, Sadie Asher. Congratulations to Logan Van Rheenen, first place in the District 3 Young Leader Discussion Meet. Logan will represent the District at the State Meet in December.

Farm Bureau Leaders Visit Adopted Legislator



As part of the Illinois Farm Bureau Adopt-A-Legislator program, Farm Bureau Leaders visited Representative Nabeela Syed of the 51st District in Palatine. Pictured are (I to r) Heather Poppy, Steve Nightingale, Representative Syed, Brian Corkill and Katie Laleman. The goal of the Adopt-a-Legislator program is to educate urban legislators about agriculture – our state's largest industry – and rural life, while also helping our members better understand the needs and concerns of an urban district. Legislators are matched with a "downstate" county Farm Bureau (which "adopts" the legislator), and the program kicks off by holding a district visit and a farm visit.

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Legislators Attend Farm Bureau Event



Henry County Legislators recently met with Farm Bureau Directors, County Board Members and County Elected Officials. Pictured (I to r) are Senator Mike Halpin, Representative Travis Weaver, HCFB Legislative Action Committee Chair-Brian Corkill, Senator Neil Anderson, and Representative Dan Swanson, also attending (but unavailable at the time of photo), Representative Ryan Spain.

Time for Apples



Third grade students at Cambridge Elementary School learned about apples, made a life cycle chain, and read the Apple Ag Mag during their Agriculture in the Classroom Lesson with Paula Janson, Ag Literacy Coordinator.





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Getting to know your Farm Bureau Policy

89. FOOD LABELING

We support: 1. Promotion of increased use of nutritional information on food labels.

- 2. Proper labeling of foods, fibers, and other agricultural products.
- 3. Including information on the source of protein (animal or plant-based) on labels.
- 4. Establishing criteria for a certification process and corresponding legislation for country of origin labeling. The process should support farmer self-certification of origin of livestock; operate under a presumption of domestic origin; and not be financially burdensome to farmers in establishing record keeping criteria.
- 5. Enactment of a similar labeling law in the United States like other nations to separate different classes of beverages to specify milk as a product of an animal's mammary gland.
- 6. Development of a "U.S. Product" label for products that are originated, produced, and processed in the U.S.
- 7. A voluntary labeling and/or traceability system for identity-preserved agricultural and food products that is based on a clear and factual certification process in order to ensure the health, safety, and integrity of the product, and enhance the ability of the farmer to capture a value-added return.
- 8. Voluntary labeling of biotech or non-biotech products when an approved certification process is in place including: A. The development of a consumer-friendly icon or label indicating presence of genetically modified materials in food. B. Positive labeling of biotech products that is science-based, truthful, and not misleading.
- 9. The science-based labeling policies of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), including: A. No special labeling unless a food is significantly different

than its traditional counterpart, or where a specific constituent is altered (e.g., nutritionally or when affecting allergenicity). B. Voluntary labeling using statements which are truthful and not misleading.

- 10. Vigorous enforcement of FDA food labeling guidelines for domestic and imported products.
- 11. Enforcement of federal statute that specifies commodities at a farmer's market in Illinois must disclose the address of the farm where each product is produced.
- 12. The definition of meat to include only animal flesh produced by the natural growth of living animals.
- 13. The requirement of the country of origin label for honey be placed on the front of all packaging in a readable font size.
- 14. Sweeteners (blended with honey) disclose the addition of other sweeteners on the front of the package in a readable font size.
- 15. Products can only be labeled as honey if it meets the FDA definition of honey as a "thick, sweet, syrupy substance that bees make as food from the nectar of plants or secretions of living parts of plants and store in honeycombs".

We oppose:

- 1. Negative labeling of food products as being derived from the use of biotechnology.
- 2. Labels that state or imply organic food is superior to traditional agri-food products or that imply negative consequences of consuming non-organic foods over organic products.
- 3. The use of "all natural" and "GMO free" synonymously with "organic" as a way to avoid farmer certification as an organic grower.
- 4. Animal products that are raised in other countries but processed or blended in the USA using the label "Product of the USA" or similar labels.





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Farmers who work to produce food, fiber and fuel use a wide variety of vehicles to operate their businesses. Equipment operators must share roads with motorists and others, but it takes the effort of all parties involved to keep encounters safe.

As you approach farming equipment on the road, use extreme caution and be prepared to stop quickly. Sometimes farm equipment will take up more than one lane. These vehicles may also make big wide turns. When they are pulling off to the side of the road, don't assume they are pulling over to let you pass; they may just be preparing to turn. Watch for them to acknowledge your presence and signal their turn. Pay close attention to these turn signals, especially before passing.



A Word About Planting and Harvest

Farming is a seasonal occupation with planting in the Spring (April, May, and June) and harvest in the Fall (September, October, and November). While these dates may vary, you should expect to encounter more farm vehicles and equipment on the road during these seasons. Keep your eyes open for large, slow-moving vehicles on the road or pulled off near the shoulder.

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Sometime around age 40, my guilty pleasure food changed to pulled pork nachos: tortilla chips softened with melted nacho cheese, topped with pulled pork and drizzled with barbecue sauce.

I ordered a boat of them at the only Illini football game we attended last fall. The daytime high reached 34 degrees with sustained winds around 15 mph against our faces in the upper deck. The nacho cheese congealed, napkins blew, and my gloveless hand turned a bit numb. But, I pulled down my fleece face mask and ate them anyway.

Memories are made at mealtime and what better month to celebrate pork on the menu than October, National Pork Month. Pork represented the world's most widely eaten meat in 2022, and Illinois ranks No. 4 in the United States in its production. Our family cherishes the tradition of ham for the holidays. We slow life's pace when we put racks of pork ribs on the smoker on a weekend afternoon. Our son microwaves bacon for breakfast before school. Sunday night means sausage on either store-bought or homemade pizza. And well-seasoned pork burgers reign at county fairs – no ketchup or garnish necessary.

Prepared to the correct temperature, pork proves moist and delicious. The meat is nutritious in its leanest cuts, and pork adds considerable flavor at an economical price. I figure my family of four can eat a 6-ounce serving of lean pork loin every day for a week for less than \$30. Dress it up with pork gravy or change it up with stir fry and that's some fine swine dining for the week.

Pork is a powerful and productive protein. Pork

loin, pork sirloin and pork tenderloin pack around 23 grams of protein in 3 ounces. Over the last 30 years, farmers have reduced pork's saturated fat content by 27%, and since my grandpa raised pigs, farmers require 76% less land and 25% water to produce a pound of the protein.

This week, I made 10 pounds of pulled pork from pork tenderloin, a new favorite on the back porch smoker. Mom watched a food show where chunks of loin are "pulled" in a stand mixer. The result: an easy, flavorful and lean meat for pulled pork sandwiches, pork tacos, protein on salad, or toppings on barbecue pizza.

Tonight, a pork-loaded nacho summons me.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms grows crops and raises livestock on her family's multi-generational farm in West-Central Illinois.



Notice of County Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the 106th Annual Meeting of the Henry County Farm Bureau® to be held Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at the Henry County Farm Bureau Building in Cambridge, Illinois starting at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing business reports, election of directors and/or the transaction of business that may come before the meeting.

Henry County Farm Bureau® Kevin Schwartzkopf, Secretary



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