

HENRY COUNTY FARMER



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HENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU DATEBOOK

OCTOBER

- 7 Fall Freezer Meal pick up
HCFB office, Time TBD
pre-orders only, no extra meals available this day
 - 8 Farm Bureau Women
Leadership Team meeting
HCFB boardroom, 5:30pm
 - 15 Henry County Farm Bureau
Executive Committee meeting,
HCFB office, 6:30pm
- Henry County Farm Bureau
Board meeting,
HCFB Boardroom, 7pm

NOVEMBER

- 4 Henry County Fair
Association Shareholders Meeting
HCFB Boardroom, 7pm
- 9 HCFB Young Leaders
"Cram the Cab" Food Drive
Fareway - Geneseo, 9am-2pm

MARKET OUTLOOK SEMINAR FEATURING MATT BENNETT, AGMARKET.NET



Matt Bennett

Matt Bennett, Co-Founder of AgMarket.Net, will be the featured speaker on Thursday, November 14 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 River Valley Cooperative. Reservations are required and must be made by November 7 to guarantee your attendance.

Matt Bennett is a co-founder of AgMarket.Net. He is also a

Windsor, Illinois, farmer and former grain elevator owner. He is Channel Seed's grain marketing consultant and holds a Series 3 brokerage license doing business through AgMarket.Net, Farm Division of JSA. Matt brings the producer perspective to the table, enriched with his extensive grain marketing background. He specializes in formulating risk-management strategies for corn, soybean farmers and livestock producers.

Matt's analysis and commentary on the grain markets appears on various TV and radio stations across the Midwest, including "AgDay", "U.S. Farm Report", "Market to Market" and "This Week in AgriBusiness".

A graduate of University of Illinois, Matt and his wife Tiffany live on the family's centennial farm north of Windsor, where they are raising their five children. He owns and operates a 3,000-acre corn and soybean farm with his father while raising 60 head of registered Angus cows.

Additional dates and speakers for the 2024-2025 series include:

- March 13, 2025 – Joe Camp, CommStock Investments
- July 1, 2025 – Chip Nellinger, Blue Reef Agri-Marketing

Cost for the series is \$90.00 and a 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 Seminar Series is sponsored by the Henry, Rock Island and Mercer County Farm Bureau Marketing Committees, in conjunction with: Gold Star FS, COUNTRY Financial, BankORION, COUNTRY Crop Insurance, Central Bank, Compeer Financial, Big River Resources, River Valley Cooperative, Wyffels Hybrids, Hertz Farm Management, Blackhawk Bank & Trust.



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SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS ONLINE:
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HENRY COUNTY FAIR ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING PRESS RELEASE

The Henry County Fair Association will be holding its Annual Shareholders Meeting on Monday November 4th at 7p.m. This year's meeting will be held at the Henry County Farm Bureau Office located at 128 N Prospect St. Cambridge. The board will be electing New Board Members along with New Officers. If you would like more information about the meeting, please contact Jake Seys at 309-714-1100.

CRAM THE CAB FOOD DRIVE

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SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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NOTICE OF COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the 107th Annual Meeting of the Henry County Farm Bureau® to be held Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 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.



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Students Attend "Share the Road"

Kate Huffman, Chair of the Farm Bureau's Health & Safety Committee, presented to over 120 Driver's Education Students in Henry County during the "Share the Road" program. The county wide program, held at the Henry County Fairgrounds on Sept 12, gave young driver's an opportunity to learn about sharing the road with large equipment and safe driving. Students attended from five high schools in the county.



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Henry County Board Candidates



Name: Mark Burton
Candidate for: Henry County Board District 1
City of Residence: Geneseo
Occupation: Retired from Deere & Co World HQ

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

Continued excellence in Public Safety entities at all levels - Sheriff's Department, 911 Center, Fire Protection, and Emergency Management; Continued fiscal and financial management of County tax revenues and expenses; ensuring balanced budgets with no debt financing; Continued focus on improvement/maintenance of County highways; Expansion of high speed broadband access, especially in more hard-to-reach and remote rural areas; Balanced approach to alternative types of revenue generation to reduce the tax burden on property owners; Continued focus on tourism, promotion of the Hennepin Canal & Bishop Hill, and other venues, festivals, and events; Continued promotion of Henry County as a great place to live, work, play, and raise families.



Name: Joseph Garrity
Candidate for: Henry County Board District 1
City of Residence: Geneseo
Occupation: Retired Communications Industry Management

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

As a member of the county board, I believe we face several key issues that require strategic planning. First fostering a strong agriculture environment is essential for supporting our local economy. We must implement policies that promote sustainable practices for farmers. Second, providing small business opportunities is another critical aspect that can stimulate economic growth and create jobs within our county. This ties into our need for a balanced budget, ensuring fiscal responsibility while investing in vital services. Third, supporting law enforcement for residents. Our law enforcement agencies must have the necessary resources to serve the community effectively. Fourth, maintaining county buildings and roads is crucial for infrastructure integrity and public safety. Finally expanding broadband services throughout the county is vital for ensuring all residents have access to reliable internet for education and communications. I believe addressing these issues will strengthen our county. I would appreciate your vote in November.



Name: Raymond (Ray) Elliott
Candidate for: Henry County Board District 1
City of Residence: Atkinson
Occupation: Retired/ Atkinson Township Supervisor

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

The keep issue is keeping Henry County in the BLACK. Staying within Budget. Maintain the County Buildings and not let them get in disrepair. (This is very important because of cost and materials.) This has happened and that is the main problem of why cost have risen in repair in building and equipment. When the County Building was built it only cost \$35,000. Just think of the cost now days. Cost control and safety are the main facture. We must maintain our employees and make them feel like they are wanted. We have invested in them to provide us with their service, so keep a strong work force makes for a better County.



Name: James Thompson
Candidate for: Henry County Board District 1
City of Residence: Colona (Hanna Township)
Occupation: Retired Law Enforcement

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

Public Safety, Taxes, Taxes and Taxes. We need to support law enforcement, Fire Protection and emergency services throughout Henry County. We need to spend our funds wisely and control spending when possible.



Name: Guy Gibson
Candidate for: Henry County Board District 1
City of Residence: Geneseo
Occupation: Retired

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

A strong balanced budget, the county currently has a surplus of 19 MILLION dollars in the GENERAL fund - yes some of it is tagged for specific items but at least 7 million general funds. The board should reduce taxes. We need to support Hillcrest Home and provide services for seniors and special needs individuals. Continue supporting a strong tourism board. Continue the repairs and upgrades to the courthouse. Support local small businesses. We need to stop the current policy of tax and spend - tax and spend.



Name: Tim Yager
Candidate for: Henry County Board District 1
City of Residence: Geneseo
Occupation: Farmer

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

I believe the key issues facing Henry County are taxes and expenses, completing the courthouse remodel and tourism. We are fortunate in

Henry County to have several sources of alternative revenues, including the Atkinson landfill fees coming into Henry County. We need to manage our expenses so we can continue to lower the county's portion of the real estate taxes. A key issue of the county budget has become health care costs. The county board needs to continually look for ways to provide good health insurance for the employees of the county while also balancing the expense to the taxpayers. Most of the remodeling to the courthouse has been complete, however, we need to finish the job. Finally, we need to continue to promote the tourism opportunities of the county.



Name: David Dobbels
Candidate for: Henry County Board District 2
City of Residence: Cambridge
Occupation: Retired

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

The state roads, highways 81, 82, 78 and 34, in disrepair.



Name: Lynn Sutton
Candidate for: Henry County Board District 2
City of Residence: Kewanee
Occupation: Farmer

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

County government is running well in the black and we intend to keep it that way. Runaway inflation is a key issue nationwide and Henry County residents are experiencing the pain no less than anyone. At the same time low grain prices are exerting extreme pressure on our farmers. This election is the most important one any of us have ever experienced. I encourage everyone to do whatever possible to get friends, neighbors and family members to the polls on November 5th!



Name: Shannon Bumann
Candidate for: Henry County Board District 2
City of Residence: Woodhull
Occupation: Retired School Superintendent

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

I will use my vast experience in maintaining and creating hard and soft infrastructures when focusing on Henry County's key issues of public safety, road maintenance, economic prosperity, and accessible education. Focusing on public safety is crucial. I advocate full fiscal and operational support of the criminal justice system with special attention given to the needs of the Sheriff's Department. Henry County is one of a few in Illinois with the capability of making its own asphalt to maintain high-quality roads. It is vital that the Board is a strong advocate for the county's asphalt plant. The support of current and future agricultural, manufacturing, and service industries by the Board is essential. Economic prosperity will drive all other key

issues. Finally, a high-quality education must be accessible to all residents. The Board must support local school districts, Black Hawk East College, and the Regional Office of Education.



Name: Patrick Koga
Candidate for: Henry County Board District 2
City of Residence: Galva
Occupation: Retired

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

As a taxpayer, as a citizen, and as a dad and a husband, my family values are under attack in this state. Things that the current administration have done, put me in a position where I must decide between putting gas in the car or food on the family table, it is these basic grassroot values that are under attack and that we must protect. Faith and family values are under attack and must be protected in all of our deliberations.

Additional Candidates:

Henry County Board District 1

Jim Dooley
 Terry McDowell
 Bill Preston
 Stephen Mizzen

Henry County Board District 2

Dale Sarge Stiles

Regional Superintendent of Schools



Name: Kathy Marshall
Candidate for: Write-in Candidate for Regional Superintendent of Schools - Bureau, Henry, and Stark Counties
City of Residence: Colona

Occupation: Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools

What do you believe are the key issues in Henry County?

Equitable and fair financing for schools; Mandate relief from statutory mandates that are unfunded or underfunded; Continued local control of schools; Resources for districts in planning and implementation of school improvement; Continued focus on literacy, math, science, and STEM learning skills.

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37th District – Li Arellano, Jr. (Endorsed by IFB Activator)

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LOCAL AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TEACHER HONORED THROUGH BEGINNING TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM

One group is helping address the Agricultural Education teacher shortage in Illinois with a grant program for beginning ag teachers.

This week, Sarah Paige Tarr was selected as one of four new Agriculture Teachers in Illinois to receive recognition as a recipient of this teacher grant. Tarr applied for the grant program and was selected based on excellent efforts in the classroom as well as strong short- and long- term personal and agriculture program goals.



Pictured at the award presentation are (l to r) Jennifer Smith, IAA Foundation; Sarah Paige Tarr, Annawan Agriculture Teacher; Katie Laleman, Manager, Henry County Farm Bureau.

Representatives from Henry County Farm Bureau and the Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education (FCAE) were on hand to announce the award to Tarr and their students.

Illinois agricultural education teachers completing their first year in the classroom are eligible to apply for this grant. The amount of the grant payment

will increase annually, up to \$10,000 total, if they meet the re-application process confirming they remain active as an agricultural education teacher in the state of Illinois.

The Illinois Farm Bureau, through its charitable arm, the IAA Foundation, created the Illinois Agricultural Education Teacher Grant

Program. Illinois Farm Bureau immediately recognized the need and the value that supporting first year agriculture teachers had. All told, the program will fund 32 teachers over a 12-year timeframe.

More program information can be found online at www.iaafoundation.org under "Our Mission at Work".

HENRY & STARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS & FIRST CHOICE HEALTHCARE NOTE MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK, OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

The Henry and Stark County Health Department and First Choice Healthcare announce that October 6-12, 2024 has been designated as Mental Illness Awareness Week. Millions of Americans are living with a mental health condition — mental illness affects everyone directly or indirectly through family, friends, neighbors or coworkers. During Mental Illness Awareness Week (MIAW) the goal is to raise awareness about mental health and provide support and treatment options for mental health conditions.

Consider the following Mental & Behavioral Health Facts:

- 1 in 5 US adults experience mental illness each year, and less than half of them receive treatment.
- 1 in 6 US youth experience mental illness each year, and only half of them receive treatment.
- 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24.
- The average delay between onset of mental illness symptoms and treatment is 11 years.
- 60% of Americans are concerned about the stigma and around mental illness.

With limited resources for mental health in our community and the current circumstances we are facing locally and globally, it is now more important than ever to provide individuals with the behavioral/ mental health support they need. Through the hard work and dedication of our two psychiatric nurse practitioners, clinic and school-based mental health therapists, and mental health nurses; First Choice Healthcare is pleased to be able to offer this support to our community.

There are many reasons an individual may seek treatment. Our providers are prepared to support patients aged 5 and above who may be struggling with depression, anxiety, stress, substance abuse and addictions, behavior problems, bipolar disorder, family/ parenting issues, obsessive compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia and other related disorders, sexual assault, suicide prevention, trauma and loss.

For more information on Mental Health services or to schedule an appointment simply call First Choice Healthcare in Kewanee at 309-852-5272! Help and understanding are just a phone call away.

OVOTE24

ELECTION CALENDAR

- SEPTEMBER 26** Early voting begins, vote by mail ballots mailed
- OCTOBER 8** Last day for regular voter registration
- OCTOBER 9** Grace period registration and voting begins
- OCTOBER 20** Last day for online voter registration
- OCTOBER 28** Last day for vote by mail application through mail
- NOVEMBER 4** Last day for early voting and in-person vote by mail applications
- NOVEMBER 5** General Election Day



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Students Learn about Apples

Second grade students at CR Hanna Elementary in Orion, learned about apples and made an apple life cycle charm. The Henry County Agriculture in the Classroom program is led by Ag Literacy Coordinator, Paula Janson.



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Turning Wheat into Flour!

Sixth grade students at Orion Middle School learned about wheat and ground wheat into flour during their Agriculture in the Classroom lesson.

FARM GATE

By Joanie Stiers



PARTS RUNS KEEP THE FARM RUNNING

The farmer's wife handed my husband a stick-style drawing. "He told me you will know what he needs," she said of her farmer husband while my husband paused at the brain teaser before him.

At the time, my husband worked behind a parts counter for a farm equipment dealership. The era pre-dated smart phones with capabilities of taking and sending photos, but we did have flip phones. So with a phone call to talk through the drawing, my husband figured out the farmer's need.

'Tis the season for the inevitable parts run. In Grubhub style, the run includes a designated person driving to a retail location to pick up a part and deliver it to the farm. The act's level of urgency generally falls into one of two categories.

The "rainy day parts run" includes less-urgent parts related to general maintenance or fixing something non-critical to the machine's function while the rain prevents farmers from harvesting. It likens the pre-harvest repair and maintenance intended to prevent down-time.

The "emergency parts run" indicates a machine-down situation. The parts runner immediately abandons what they're doing to fetch a part with no opportunity to piggy-back extra errands on that trip to town. You get there. You get back. And then hope the part fixes the problem.

Getting there could take 20 minutes or it could consume a four-hour roundtrip that's still faster than Next Day Air. In the meantime, our mechanically minded team members prepare the machine to receive the part. If that repair exceeds our expertise, we call a professional technician for help.

Ideally, the fix is as simple as fetching the part. But sometimes, parts runners return with the wrong parts due to human error in the ordering process. Occasionally, runners unknowingly retrieve an incomplete order that requires a return trip. Worse yet, the fetched part doesn't fix the problem.

Technology generally improves the accuracy of parts orders as farmers can review web-based parts schematics to identify the exact part numbers. Sharing smartphone photos helps parts departments with diagnosis and identification. Bringing in the broken part is almost a sure win for an identical replacement, so blown hydraulic hoses often make the trip.

My husband recalls an unusual parts pickup in which a farmer who lived hours away by car landed a helicopter in the dealership's parking lot. The farmer ran inside for his parts and left within seconds. It's an extreme case, but machine-down times call for machine-down measures to keep the farm running.

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



Driver's Education Students Learn Safety

Bridgett Wildermuth and Steve Nightingale spoke to Driver's Education students during the "Share the Road" program. Students were able to see first hand the view the driver has, showing them what they can and can't see when operating large equipment. Additional stations at the event were conducted by the Illinois State Police, Henry County Sheriff's Department, Gold Star FS and Operation Lifesaver Illinois.



Legislators Join for Farm Bureau Event

Henry County Legislators recently met with Farm Bureau Directors, County Board Members and County Elected Officials. Pictured (l to r) are Senator Neil Anderson; Brian Corkill, HCFB Legislative Action Committee Chair; Dawn Tubbs, Geneseo Office Director for Senator Win Stoller; Representative Dan Swanson and Senator Mike Halpin.

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Ingredients:

- 6 pork chops
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 package of frozen has brown potatoes, thawed
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 can French fried onions

Instructions:

Brown chops in oil. Sprinkle with seasoned salt and set aside. Combine soup, milk, sour cream, and pepper. Stir in potatoes, 1/2 cup cheese and 1/2 can onions. Spoon mixture into a 9x13 pan. Arrange pork chops over potatoes. Bake covered at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Top with remaining cheese and onions. Bake uncovered for additional 5 minutes.



Farm Bureau Women make Book Donation

The Henry County Farm Bureau Women donated agricultural books to all grade schools and public libraries in the county. This is the 34th year the group has donated farm or agriculture-related books to the schools and 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 "The Soil in Jackie's Garden" by Peggy Thomas (Author) and Neely Daggett (Illustrator). Pictured with 2nd graders at Cambridge Elementary is Carol Dobbels, of Farm Bureau Women, and Courtney Bochmann, Elementary Librarian.

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