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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members, spouses and children are eligible to apply for 100 college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm. The scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500, will be awarded in total of \$201,501 for the 2023-24 school year.

"We are pleased to recognize students through our ever growing and changing scholarship

program," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation. "It is a privilege to support the next generation of leaders and encourage degrees in agriculture related fields."

Students may apply for a variety of scholarships, including three IAA Foundation Distinguished Scholarships, where winners each receive \$5,000 awards. Another \$7,500 award goes to the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship win-

ner. In addition to family scholarships often established to honor the memory of a loved one, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of Prairie Farms Dairy. For 2023, the IAA Foundation is honored to administer the newly created Sandhu Minority in Agriculture Scholarship, and the Thomas E. and Mary Morgan Lykins Scholarship. Additionally, fellowships will once again support students pursuing advanced degrees in fields that direct-

ly relate to agriculture.

Scholarships are awarded based on involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service, academic performance, leadership experiences, and response to an essay. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the scholarship allows.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available on the Foundation website, www.iaa-

foundation.org. The application opens January 1 and must be completed online by February 15, 2023.

For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or e-mail Jennifer Smith at jsmith@ilfb.org.

The mission of the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm, is to fund education, research, and charitable activities that benefit Illinois farm families and agriculture.

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Learning all about Corn!



Galva first grade students learned about different kinds of corn and made a corn craft during their Agriculture in the Classroom lesson.

A Turkey Lesson!



Kindergarten students at Visitation School learned about turkeys and made a turkey cookie.

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Directors Recognized for their Service



Farm Bureau President Steve Nightingale recognized Directors that have reached their tenure on the Board of Directors during the County Annual Meeting held on November 15. Those fulfilling their terms are (l to r) are Gene Stromquist, Joel Goetz, and Karen Lyman.

Farm Bureau
Salutes the
COUNTRY
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Katie Spivey, Galva



Cassie Stahler, Geneseo

Laleman Celebrates 20 Years with Henry County Farm Bureau



Katie Laleman, Manager of the Henry County Farm Bureau, was recognized at the Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting for her milestone of 20 years in the role. Laleman began her Farm Bureau career in 2000 as Manager of the Cumberland County Farm Bureau and was named Manager of Henry County Farm Bureau in 2002 where she remains to date. Laleman has also completed all requirements to continue her designation as a Farm Bureau Certified Manager (FBCM). She originally earned the FBCM designation in 2007. The FBCM program, which recognizes county managers for professional achievement and staff leadership, was started in 1993 by the Illinois Farm Bureau. To receive the FBCM designation, county Farm Bureau managers must complete a series of six exams which assess expertise in various managerial areas. Recertification is granted every five years based on 50 hours of continuing education areas and professional staff leadership.

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FFA Jacket Scholarships Awarded



Kate Huffman, Chair of the Young Leaders, is shown presenting the FFA Jacket Scholarship to McKenna Anderson of the Galva FFA Chapter. Eligible FFA members could complete applications, which were evaluated by the Young Leaders, and five members in Henry County were selected to be the recipients of the scholarships for the purchase of their FFA Jackets.

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Henry County Farm Bureau

Welcomes New Members

Jessica Fief	Charles Oberle
Hunter Price	Taylor Wright
Mitchell Kitterman	Martin York
Deb Larson	Ryan Brock
Brad Peck	Tyler Chevalier
Colton Atkisson	Quality Control
Lexie Clark	Restoration
Christien Koehl	Larry Simms

HENRY COUNTY DATEBOOK

DECEMBER

- 3-6 Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting – Chicago, IL
- 5 HC Pork Producers Meeting, 7 pm, FB Boardroom
- 8 HC Beef Association Meeting, 7pm, FB Boardroom
- 8 Landowner Meeting for the Mt. Simon Hub Pipeline Project, 6pm, BHE Auditorium, Bldg A; (Must be pre-registered and an Illinois Farm Bureau member to attend)
- 13 HCFB Young Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm, FB Boardroom
- 14 Katie Laleman, HCFB Manager on WKEI 1450 AM, 8:25am
- 20 HCFB Foundation Annual Meeting, 6:30 pm, FB Boardroom
- 20 HCFB Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 pm, FB Boardroom
- 23-26 HCFB Office Closed – Merry Christmas!
- 30 HCFB Office Closed – Happy New Year!

JANUARY

- 2 HCFB Office Closed – Happy New Year!
- 9 Women in Agriculture Conference – Registration Opens!
- 11 Katie Laleman, HCFB Manager on WKEI 1450 AM, 8:25am



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Hall Named as Top Membership Recruiter



Merle Hall, COUNTRY Financial Representative of Kewanee, was recognized as the Top Membership Recruiter in Henry County at the Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting. Steve Nightingale, Henry County Farm Bureau President, made the announcement at the 105th Annual Meeting held on November 15.

Young Leaders "Cram the Cab"



Farm Bureau Young Leaders held the "Cram the Cab" Food Drive on November 5 at Fareway in Geneseo. This year's food drive had a new theme as donors helped to fill the cab of a Ford truck and a John Deere tractor. Special thanks to Geneseo Fareway, Crowe Ford, Prairie State Tractor and everyone that donated. We collected 1,540 pounds of food and over \$400 for our local food pantries. Pictured along with Young Leaders, (l to r) Kate Huffman, Sadie Asher, Shane Asher, and Logan Van Rheenen, making a very generous donation to the food drive are the Henry County Fair Queens, Mollie, Emma, and Paisley.

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New Farm Bureau Directors Elected



Newly elected to the Henry County Farm Bureau Board of Directors are (l to r) Thad Curry, Bill Wyffels, and Emily Baum, along with Steve Nightingale who was also reelected as President of the organization.

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The Henry & Stark County Health Departments Notes Ways Area Residents Can Stay Healthy During the Infectious Season Ahead

The Henry and Stark County Health Departments and their First Choice Healthcare Clinics it is the time of year to look ahead to preventing sickness during the upcoming infectious season. It is important to alert the public, that with masking guidance being lifted and indoor activities becoming the norm; Covid-19, Flu, RSV and Common Cold infections will be and are already on the rise. Therefore, we offer some suggestions on how to help keep germs away during gatherings and activities and the infectious season.

Many of these seasonal infections (Covid, Seasonal Flu, Common Cold, RSV) have some shared and in-common symptoms; thus, it can be hard to diagnose and differentiate the infections. Therefore, the Health Department is sharing messaging and guidance

to help local residents and families to better understand these infections and how to prevent and treat them.

Remember, it is important to enjoy the season's traditions in good health by taking steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infections:

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 & Flu vaccines
- Know what to do if you are exposed
- Stay at home when you are sick
- Avoid contact with others who are sick
- And feel free to wear a mask

In addition, this is a prime time to reinforce the importance of clean hands. Remind your children, family members, and co-workers to wash their hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. When there is no soap or water - reach for a hand sanitizer

or wipe. When should you wash your hands?

- * When preparing food;
- * Before snacks and meals;
- * After using the restroom;
- * After touching animals;
- * When hands are dirty;
- * And, when you or someone around you is ill

The Health Department and their First Choice Healthcare locations in Kewanee and Colona remind area residents they have Covid & Flu vaccine for both children and adults. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the First Choice Healthcare Clinics (309) 852-5272 (Kewanee) or 792-4011 (Colona) or visit our website at www.henrystarkhealth.com. You may also find us on Facebook or Follow Us on Twitter and Instagram.

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FARM GATE

By Joanie Stiers



For the family's love of homemade cinnamon rolls, I quietly step through the silence of our predawn home and into the kitchen to get rolling.

Still dark outside, I work from the glow of Christmas tree and the light of the kitchen island, where I had staged the final roll-making supplies the night before. I softly stream holiday music and savor the early morning peace, interrupted only by the tick

of a warming stove and gentle blow from the furnace vents. That moment continues a home-baked holiday tradition at least three generations old, taught by my mother and grandmother before me. Now, my daughter often joins me.

Two hours later, the fragrance of baked cinnamon rolls fills the house, something like the loving aroma of a Thanksgiving meal. The household stirs, ready for the sweet, warm richness

we enjoy around the holidays. When age 4, our son provided the only objection that I can recall. Mind you, I had sacrificed sleep to make the family-recipe rolls when he awoke and asked for pancakes. I managed to laugh at his innocent, insulting request. Now 10 years later, the cinnamon rolls have won him over.

As a kid, I remember cinnamon roll dough rising in every warm spot of the house. I recall the rhythm of Mom rolling

the dough at the counter and the way she uniformly sprinkled brown sugar and cinnamon across the dough, free from the over-applied globs I struggled with as a newbie. The timing at which to frost them seals the deal — slightly melted to a transparent sheen to reveal the cinnamon-brown sugar swirl, but thick enough to sit atop a warm roll.

Dozens upon dozens of foil pans full of fresh cinnamon rolls left the

farmhouse in which I grew up. Mom topped them with a bow for neighbors, landlords and relatives. I preferred mine at the dining room table with a glass of store-bought chocolate milk, which she purchased only around the holidays. I would slowly unwind the roll, eating it from tail to core every morning when they were available. I've eaten far more cinnamon rolls than my age for this annual tradition.

While much about the farm has changed with time and technology, we remain rooted in our favorite traditions. Nothing warms the soul quite like the homemade instructions that fill my recipe books. Even if it's pancakes

Joanie Stiers farms, writes and bakes in west-central Illinois where her family honors the morning of her December birthday with a candle in a homemade cinnamon roll.

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The effective and prompt administration of existing laws to resolve secondary boycotts or other illegal actions which disrupt the orderly flow of commerce.

Maintaining the agriculture exemption for overtime pay provisions under the Illinois Minimum Wage Law.

A study by the appropriate state agencies regarding the programs and activities of federally funded Legal Services Corporation entities in Illinois. Such a study would review the impact of such programs on agricultural operations.

American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) efforts in lobbying Congress to investigate the Legal Service Corporation's behavior and scrutinize its budget.

The minimum wage rate at its current level.

Establishing improved programs for agricultural guest workers that assist in finding, retaining, and maintaining an adequate, legal, and cost-competitive labor supply.

Permanent employment-based immigration visas for those individuals who have a demonstrated work history and can pass an appropriate background screening.

We oppose:

The use, by either labor or management, of force, coercion, intimidation, secondary boycotts or other such means designed to force its will upon the other.

Lawsuits which are filed against agricultural growers by Legal Services Corporation entities which create economic hardship for the agricultural operations involved and appear to be intended only to harass the employer of farm labor into providing additional benefits without justification.

All legislation which increases the revenue base for legal assistance activities in the State of Illinois.

Legislation that would require

state licensure and inspection for electrical work performed on agricultural property and single-family residences.

The elimination of the present family farm exemption in the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

Amnesty (as defined as a general pardon for offenses against the laws of the United States of America) for undocumented immigrants.

H-2A Work Program

We support:

Protection of the guest worker program to preserve the labor force required for farms.

Improvements to the guest worker program to help farms be profitable and operational for future generations by offering farms the ability to retain skilled labor and recruit workers to meet their farms' specialized needs.

Recruitment of repeat, qualified workforce for efficiency in working on a host farm.

Staggered dates of entry for the guest worker program.

Expanded accessibility to the H-2A guest worker program for oth-

er types of farming operations beyond specialty crops and dairy.

Employer specific visas.

Farmer and worker shared expenses of the guest worker program visas, transportation and related expenses.

Withholding of state and federal payroll taxes from guest worker wages.

Streamlined administrative and application processes to apply for and utilize the guest worker program, with quicker and easier renewal from year to year if a farm has no changes from the previous year.

Administration and oversight of the H-2A guest worker program within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

We oppose:

Department of Labor's (DOL) administration of the H-2A guest worker program.

Increased state minimum wage and adverse effect wage requirements.

Increased administrative expenses of the guest worker program.

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LANDOWNER MEETINGS FOR THE MT. SIMON HUB PIPELINE PROJECT

Thursday, Dec. 8th | 6:00 PM

Black Hawk College
East Campus Auditorium
26230 Black Hawk Road, Galva, IL 61434

Wednesday, Dec. 14th | 6:00 PM

East Campus Auditorium, Building A
Shilling Community Education Center
One College Park, Decatur, IL 62521

Note: This session will also be offered online.

A landowner meeting will be held for Farm Bureau members potentially impacted by the Mt. Simon Hub carbon dioxide capture and storage pipeline project. Illinois Farm Bureau staff will provide information about the project, the proposed pipeline, and carbon dioxide storage agreements. The Mt. Simon Hub project proposes to collect carbon dioxide at ethanol plants, transport it via pipeline, and then permanently store it in geologic formations deep in the ground in Central Illinois. Farmers and landowners need to be involved in the process, ask questions and work to negotiate good terms in land use agreements. Attend the meeting to learn more.

Contact Henry County Farm Bureau at (309) 937-2411 to register.



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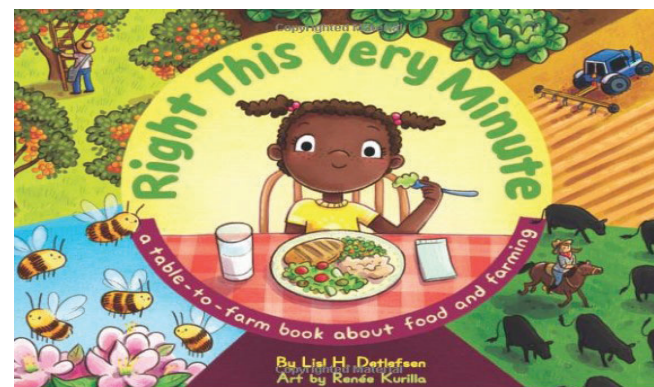
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2023 HENRY COUNTY FARM BUREAU Poster Contest

Farm to Table: All About Food and Farming

*What's that you say? You're hungry?
Right this very minute? Then you need a farmer!*

The book, **"Right this Very Minute : A Table-to-Farm Book About Food and Farming"** is a story about families in their busy kitchens wondering where the delicious foods they're about to eat comes from. More than a dozen different types of farms are featured throughout the story, showing agriculture in action. Look for this book in your school or local library!



What do you see on a farm? What do farmers raise and grow?

Show us on your poster what you see on farms and how farmers grow the food that we eat!

RULES:

- Must be in 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade in Henry County
- Entries must be submitted on regular 8 1/2" x 11" white paper
- May use crayon, marker, paint, pencil or ink
- No tracing, free-hand drawings only
- The poster will become property of the Farm Bureau and may be reprinted for publication

Back of Poster MUST have the following:

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| - Student's Name | - Teacher's Name |
| - Student's Address | - School Name |
| - Grade | - Parent's Name |

ENTRY DEADLINE:

All posters are due by **February 15, 2023** to the Henry County Farm Bureau, 128 N. Prospect Street, Cambridge, IL 61238

CONTEST AWARDS:

Each division will be awarded three prizes:

1st prize \$20.00 2nd prize \$15.00 3rd prize \$10.00

****Teacher of each first-place entry will receive a \$25.00 cash prize** (Teachers must submit a minimum of 10 entries from their class to be eligible for the cash prize.)**

Questions:

Contact the Farm Bureau office at (309) 937-2411 or manager@henrycofarmbureau.org.

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