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## KCFB Honored During IFB Annual Meeting

Knox County Farm Bureau was recently recognized for its outstanding programming during the 111th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Farm Bureau.

The County Activities of Excellence awards are given to counties with the most outstanding project for each program area. IFB recognizes Gold, Silver and Bronze ranked programs in each area and membership group. All activities reported shall have taken place between Sept. 1, 2024 through Aug. 31, 2025.

There are eight program areas: Ag Literacy, Farm Income & Development, Health & Safety, Advocacy, Local Affairs, Engagement & Outreach, Membership Value, and CFB Foundation & Fundraising. Counties compete for awards with other counties of similar membership size. Awards are given in each of the five county membership groups:

- Group I — counties with 1,325 and fewer members
- Group II — counties with 1,326 to 1,925 members
- Group III — counties with 1,926 to 2,825 members
- Group IV — counties with 2,826 to 5,125 members
- Group V — counties with 5,125 or more members

Additionally, three awards are given to recognize outstanding efforts by CFBs:

**New Horizon Award** — To encourage new and innovative programs that were completed in the last two program years;

**Liberty Bell Award** — To recognize outstanding efforts on issues of public policy impacting state and local Farm Bureau organizational priorities;

**Pinnacle Award** — Highest-level award given to the most outstanding county in each membership group to recognize overall program excellence as it relates to the county Farm Bureau's goals and priorities.

Knox County Farm Bureau was awarded the Pinnacle Award in Group III.



President Drew DeSutter and Vice President Evan Hultine with the Pinnacle Award.

## IFB Members Elect Nelson as President, Hultine as Vice President

Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) members elected Philip Nelson, a grain and livestock farmer from Seneca in LaSalle County, as the organization's 17th president, and re-elected Evan Hultine, a grain farmer from Princeton in Bureau County, as vice president. They will each serve a two-year term at the helm of the organization.

"I thank all of you for the confidence that you've put into me to lead this organization again," Nelson told delegates following the election. "I'm thrilled. I love this organization."

Five new members were also elected to serve two-year terms on the IFB Board of Directors. IFB is a nonprofit membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB's 324 voting delegates elected these leaders during the organization's annual meeting in Chicago.

Nelson is a fourth-generation farmer and

farms with his wife, Carmen, and family members Kendall, Rachel and Kyle. He previously served as IFB's 14th president from 2003 to 2013, vice president from 1999 to 2003, and LaSalle County Farm Bureau president. He also held the position of Trade Advisory Chair of the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) and served on the AFBF Board of Directors for 10 years. He was the Illinois Director of Agriculture in 2015.

Hultine has served as IFB vice president since 2023. He has held various leadership roles with Bureau County Farm Bureau (BCFB), including president from 2017 to 2023, BCFB Foundation president and the Young Leader Committee chair. He was a member of the IFB State Young Leader Committee from 2013 to 2016. He also serves on the agriculture advisory committees for



Philip Nelson



Evan Hultine

two-year terms on the IFB Board of Directors:

- Joe White of Kane County will represent District 1, which includes DeKalb, McHenry, Kane and Lake counties
- Brian Corkill of Henry County will represent District 3, which includes Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, Stark and Whiteside counties
- Brian Dirks of McLean County will represent District 7, which includes Marshall, McLean, Putnam, Tazewell and Woodford counties
- Dennis Green of Lawrence County will represent District 13, which includes Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Jasper, Lawrence and Richland counties
- Jason Balding of Edwards County will represent District 17, which includes Edwards, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Wabash, Wayne and White counties

his state senator and state representative as well as U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood.

Hultine is a sixth-generation farmer in Princeton, where he grows corn, soybeans and seed corn alongside his father.

### IFB Board Directors Elected

Five new members were elected to serve

### Notice! Knox County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the voting members of the Knox County Farm Bureau will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to elect directors and if approved confirm the reports of the officers for the year ending November 30, 2025; and for the transactions of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at Galesburg, Illinois  
on January 1, 2026.

### Strong Enough to Bend: TURNING BREAKDOWNS INTO BREAKTHROUGHS!

Thursday, January 29, 2026 | Black Hawk College East Campus Auditorium, Building A  
6:00 p.m. | 26230 Black Hawk Rd, Galva, IL



Adrienne DeGitter, M.S.Ed.  
AG MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST  
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A fun, informative night for the ladies that live and work in agriculture! Coffee, dessert and good ole' girl power!

Women in ag are tough. We carry families, farms, and futures on our backs, and we still manage to show up to town looking halfway decent (well, some days). But real strength isn't about never breaking; it's about being brave enough to bend before you snap. Adrienne's message is a celebration of the women who hold it all together- even when they're running on caffeine and sheer willpower- and a reminder that vulnerability isn't weakness, it's leadership. Together, we'll laugh, exhale, and find tools to care for ourselves and the people we love. You'll leave feeling grounded, hopeful, and remembering that strong women don't do it all- we do what matters...with grit, grace, and a whole lot of girl power.



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## Kitchen Legacies

Homemade dishes outlive generations

Field meals deliver their own form of heroism, and Mom saves the day. She dishes out the seasonal suppers spring and fall with guidance from her sidekicks – women past and present who submitted their kitchen's best recipes to a church cookbook. Leah's fiesta bake, Marie's orange salad, Debra's pizza casserole and Ann's marble squares have fueled our field crew for years.

Out here in farm country, the names of past landowners often carry forward, becoming part of the land's identity long after ownership has changed. For instance, the "Lievens Back Bottom," which my parents

have owned half my life, was previously tended by the late Mr. and Mrs. Lievens. I'll spare you 50 more examples. My point: the same goes for good, home-cooked food.

Thanks to small-town recipe books, home cooks earned their own version of legacy status without needing acreage on a balance sheet. Instead, they claimed a kitchen, embraced a passion and created recipes or refined family ones in 9x13 batches that fed and delighted the local masses.

Long before Google became a verb, churches published cookbooks filled with personal recipe submissions, each tied to a name. No digital versions exist of these limited-edition paper relics. There are no pictures. No reviews. Each recipe stands solely on the credibility of the cook who submitted it as a time-tested family favorite – and that alone serves as a built-in 5-star rating.

I have proof with Lorraine's broccoli soup, Pam's pizza crust, Lou's cool cucumber pasta and Mary's Thanksgiving dress-

ing. Mom and I made 12 batches of Kathy's hash brown au gratin for a farm wedding. I adore Susan's corn casserole and chuck wagon baked beans. And Grandma's published recipe for frosted banana bars is better than bread. It freezes well, too.

The book entries tell stories. Ingredients like strawberries, zucchini, rhubarb and blackberries signal home gardeners and wild blackberry pickers who love to cook. The salad section proves that Jell-O and Cool Whip absolutely qualify as salads by Midwestern standards.

I own hundreds of pages of local recipes in five cookbooks. Mom has a dozen. Grandma's stash fills a cabinet, and my aunt collects them. The recipes are worth repeating, the novelty worth preserving and the pages a testament to the women who – in their quiet heroism – fed a community. And still do.

*About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her parents and brother in Knox County, where they grow corn, soybeans and hay, raise beef cattle and operate side businesses related to the family operation.*

## IFB Members Debate, Adopt Policy During Annual Meeting

Illinois Farm Bureau's traditional grassroots process was on full display during the organization's 2025 Annual Meeting as 324 voting members considered and adopted new policy on topics such as land use and farmland preservation, development of new uses and new markets, labor and more.

Members gathered at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago Dec. 6-8 to celebrate the year's successes and introduce new policies that will guide the organization over the next year. In total, voting members debated and approved 36 policy submittals.

### Policy highlights include:

- New policy language calling for opposition to the development of data centers, cryptocurrency mining operations, and similar facilities if they decrease the reliability of the electric grid, increase the cost of electricity to the rural community, or have the potential to deplete aquifers that communities depends on.
- Support for expanding consumer and wholesale market opportunities for Illinois poultry producers to process on the farm at USDA/FSIS limits. Support for retailers to increase the availability of Illinois-grown products and IDOA advertising directly to consumers to purchase Illinois-grown products.

program visas, transportation, housing, and related expenses, and allowing workers with remaining time on their visa to work on other qualified farms.

- New policy language would also oppose the Adverse Effect Wage Rate (AEWR) being above the state minimum wage and additional state regulations that add application processing delays.
- New policy to support regenerative agriculture practices referring to improving soil health and function, the key principles focusing on keeping soil covered, minimizing soil disturbance, keeping living roots as often as possible, maximizing biodiversity and integrating livestock, within local context.
- Support for incentives being based on a menu of regenerative agriculture practices, rather than a prescriptive list, policy supporting regenerative practices, and education, outreach and technical assistance around the value and implementation of regenerative agriculture practices.

Approximately 2,024 IFB members and staff registered to attend the conference in which members celebrated individual and organizational achievements in 2025.



Illinois Farm Bureau voting members discuss and debate new policy during the organization's Annual Meeting on Dec. 9 at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago. (Photo by Catrina Rawson, Illinois Farm Bureau)

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KCFB Board Attendance 2025-2026

	October	November	December
Beard, Jennifer	P	P	P
Bollivar, Jason	P	A	P
Courson, Dustin	A	A	A
DeSutter, Drew	P	P	P
Eagle, Tim	P	A	P
Emken, Kurt	A	P	P
Emmons, Rob	A	A	A
Engel, Lori	P	P	P
Erickson, Dan	P	P	P
Erickson, Michelle	P	A	P
Goedeke, Phil	P	P	P
Grady, Jeff	A	P	P
Hall, Brandon	P	P	P
Link, Aaron	A	A	A
Link, Cory	A	P	A
Main, Jason	A	P	P
McCormick, Joel	P	P	P
Nelson, Brian	P	P	P
Underwood, Kyle	P	P	A

(P) Present  
(A) Absent  
(C) Cancelled  
(V) Virtual

**December KCFB Board Highlights**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on December 18, 2025.

**Education & Outreach** – Michelle Erickson

January 14 will be the first Adult AITC workshop with Adrienne DeSutter for Sow Hope Grow Hope and a taco bar from Jalisco's. RSVP's needed by January 8. The WIA Conference won a Gold in the Local Affairs category for Multi-County project at the IAA Annual Meeting.

**Farm Business** – Brian Nelson

2026 Plat Book and wall maps are now available.

**Government and Policy** – Kyle Underwood

KCFB won a silver in Advocacy for the Commodity Trip to the Capitol.

**Member Relations** – Joel McCormick

Pork Spice is available in the office. \$15 for members. Agent Appreciation Contest ended on August 29. The 2026 Quota Program has been set: Engagement- submit CAE's to achieve 8 points; Retention: Attain 94% of the membership quota; Retain 792 members by July 31, 2026; Growth- Achieve a 3+ gain of MM/PM Members by August 31, 2026, 846 members.

**Young Farmers** – Brandon Hall

A booklet is being compiled of all the soil sampling results with information on each township. The Young Farmers Cover Crop Seed Incentive won a Silver in Membership Value at the IAA Annual Meeting. Drew DeSutter was awarded the Friend of Young Leaders Award at the IAA Annual Meeting.

**PrimeTimers** – Hailey Hennenfent



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## Meet Knox County Farm Bureau Board Member Aaron Link!

Meet Knox County Farm Bureau Board Member, Aaron Link! Aaron has been on the Board of Directors since 2023. Learn more about Aaron here:

**Tell us a little bit about you and your family.** My name is Aaron Link. I farm in Knox, Henry, Mercer, and Warren counties. I raise corn, soybeans, cattle, and contract wean to finish hogs. My wife, Katie and I have 3 daughters, Addysen 18, Ainsley 15, and Sadie 10.

**Where are you from?** Rio, IL

**What do you love most about agriculture?** I enjoy the connection to the land and the cycle of life it brings every single day. There is something incredibly rewarding about working outdoors feeling the fresh air watching a crop emerge from the soil after planting or seeing animals thrive under your care. At the end of the season, when you harvest what you've grown, or known you've helped feed people there's a deep sense of accomplishment and purpose. It's not just a job; it's a way of life that keeps me grounded and grateful.

**Why did you join the Knox County Farm Bureau?** I wanted to be part of an organization that fights for policies that actually help family farms like ours stay viable.

**Favorite part of being on the Board of Directors?** Working alongside other dedi-



Aaron Link & Family

cated producers who care deeply about this way of life you learn from them build strong relationships and together we make sure the voice of real farmers is loud and clear.

**What are your hobbies and interests?** I enjoy spending time with my family and friends at livestock shows. I love watching all three daughters competing in the show rings.

**What is something people might not know about you?** Vince Vaughn bought me a drink when the Illini played in the 2005

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## IFB Young Leaders Celebrated During 2025 Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Illinois young farmers and leaders were recognized for their outstanding achievements and programs during the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Annual Meeting, held Dec. 6-9 in Chicago.

The 2025 County Young Leader Awards program highlighted the hard work and dedication of Young Leaders and county Farm Bureaus (CFB) across the state, including community projects and member engagement efforts.

A complete list of recipients – along with a brief description of each award – can be found below. For awards recognizing a CFB in each membership group, sections are broken down by membership size, with Group 1 being the smallest and Group 5 being the largest.

**Young Leader Achievement Award:** This award recognizes Young Leaders for their achievements on their farm and in leadership positions.

- Daniel and Constance Herriott, Champaign County

**Excellence in Agriculture Award:** This award recognizes Young Leaders who are actively contributing and growing their involvement in Farm Bureau and the agriculture industry.

Kate Huffman, Henry County

**Most Outstanding Young Leader Program:** These awards honor CFB programs aimed at developing 18-35-year-old

members into agriculture leaders, including networking and professional development events, educational activities and partnerships with Collegiate Farm Bureaus. One CFB in each membership group is selected as the winner:

- Membership Group 1: Lawrence County
- Membership Group 2: Richland County
- Membership Group 3: Christian County
- Membership Group 4: Clinton County
- Membership Group 5: Kane County
- Multi-County: District 2 Young Leader Committees

**Top County Young Leader Chair Awards:** These awards recognize county chairs that excel in Farm Bureau involvement and leadership, as well as motivating fellow county committee members to become involved in county, district and state activities. Winners in each membership group receive onstage recognition and a plaque.

- Membership Group 1: Ragan Anthis, Edwards County
- Membership Group 1: Addie Hemrich, Richland County
- Membership Group 3: Mitch Stawalt, Coles County
- Membership Group 4: Joseph Ratliff, Cass-Morgan

## Women in Agriculture Conference March 27

The Women in Agriculture Conference committee is excited for the 2026, Women in Agriculture Conference. Tara Barrett-Duzan, "The Farmers Daughter" will headline for the annual Women in Agriculture Conference in Rock Island on Friday, March 27, 2026. Tara Barrett-Duzan is a former news anchor turned farmer, whose journey from the newsroom to the fields is a powerful testament of love, loss, and legacy. She shares her journey to encourage other women in agriculture to lead boldly, no matter how uncertain the path.

Our Mid-Day Panel consists of Dr. Josie Rudolphi and Adrienne DeSutter of Sow Hope, Grow Hope and their take on "Focus on the Female". "For women in agriculture, the work doesn't end in the field-it stretches across the kitchen table, the books, the barn, and the family."

To round out the day the closing speaker, Emily Reuschel, is a passionate advocate for

The conference also features a wide range of dynamic breakout sessions, covering everything from strategic tax planning and legal considerations to building your business and expanding your vision. Whether you're focused on practical tools or big-picture growth, there's truly something for everyone.

Pre-registration for the event begins on January 5, 2026. More details can be found at [womeninagricultureconference.com](http://womeninagricultureconference.com). This Conference is sponsored by the Farm Bureau Women in Agriculture Conference Committee.



Drew DeSutter accepts the Friend of Young Leader Award.

- Membership Group 5: Joseph White, Kane County

**Friend of Young Leaders Winners:** This award gives county Young Leader committees the opportunity to nominate someone who has had a positive impact on their programs. Winners receive onstage recognition, a plaque and a cash prize. Recipients include:

- Business/Organization: Edwards County Sportsman's Club, Edwards County
- Drew DeSutter, Knox County
- Dusty Daugherty, Lawrence County
- Greg and Jamie Kent, Stephenson County

**Young Leader FB ACT Winner:** FB ACT asks members to respond to legislative action requests on timely issues. Young Leaders who responded to all action requests this past year were entered into a drawing. The first name pulled gets a choice between attending a Leaders to Washington trip or Governmental

Affairs Leadership Conference. The second through fifth names called get the opportunity to attend Governmental Affairs Leadership Conference. This year's winners are:

- Nathan Gibbs, Woodford County
- Ryan Reeverts, Ogle County
- Bradley Browning, Franklin County
- Steve Willard, Kendall-Grundy
- Sam Detiler, Livingston County

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to welcome the following to our organization*

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#### 0% Seed

- 0% to August 31, 2026
- Effective September 1, 2026, rate changes to 5.00% fixed until December 31, 2026
- Effective January 1, 2027 rate changes to the FS Index Rate + 1.00% until maturity
- March 15, 2027 loan maturity date
- Invoices will be billed deferred and drawn on loan before June 30, 2026
- Final sales must be equal to or greater than prior year's sales

#### 0% Crop Protection

- 0% to August 31, 2026
- Effective September 1, 2026 rate changes to 5.00% fixed until December 31, 2026
- Effective January 1, 2027 rate changes to the FS index Rate x+ 1.00% until maturity
- March 15, 2027 loan maturity date
- Invoices will be billed deferred and drawn on loan before August 31, 2026
- Final seed sales must be equal to or greater than prior year's sales

#### 0% BASF

- 0% to November 30, 2026 if purchased by March 15, 2026
- Effective December 1, 2026 rate changes to FS Index Rate until maturity
- March 15, 2027 loan maturity date
- \$10,000 minimum initial purchase
- 4.99% APR on purchases between March 16, 2026 - September 30, 2026
- All participating brands and fungicide application

#### Input Loans

- All prepay and in-season crop input purchases
- Full term variable rate
- March 15, 2027 loan maturity date

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# Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



## January Is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

This new year, the Knox County Health Department and Knox Community Health Center urge residents to prioritize their health. One way to live a healthier version of yourself is to take steps in preventing cancer. January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and the Knox County Health Department and Knox Community Health Center encourage the HPV vaccination and cervical cancer screening.

Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable types of cancer that is affecting women in the United States. The best way to find cervical cancer early is to have regular screening tests. The tests for cervical cancer screening are the HPV test and the Pap test. These tests can be done alone or at the same time.

Regular screening has been shown to prevent cervical cancers and save lives. The most important thing to remember is to get screened regularly, no matter which test you get. To start 2026 right we encourage women to contact the Knox County Health Department or their health care provider to schedule a Pap test to check for cervical cancer. If one needs assistance making appointments for accessing timely screenings, diagnostic services, or treatment, the KCHD has a Clinical Patient Navigator, Stacy Bainter, MSN, RN, CLS, Director of Family Health Services, available to assist. This screening is a crucial part of a woman's health care regimen, yet one that many overlook. It is important to remember that cervical cancer is a preventable disease – if it

is caught early enough.

We also encourage pre-teens to get the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine. HPV is a very common infection that spreads through sexual activity, and it causes almost all cases of cervical cancer. The HPV vaccine is strongly recommended for boys and girls. It can help protect them from infection with the most common types of HPV that can cause cancer as they age. According to the American Cancer Society, giving the vaccine to boys and girls between 9 and 12 years old can help prevent more than 90% of HPV cancers as they age.

In honor of National Cervical Health Awareness Month, the Health Department encourages:

- Women to start getting regular cervical cancer screenings at age 25
- Parents to make sure pre-teens get the HPV vaccine at age 9 or 12
- Children and young adults ages 13 through 26 years who have not been vaccinated or who have not received all their shots should get the vaccine as soon as possible.

The Health Department and Community Health Center continue to focus on providing high quality care and having the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program as part of its services is another way to care for patients. The IBCCP offers free mammograms, breast exams to eligible women 40-65 and pelvic exams, and Pap tests to eligible women 21 to 64 years old (younger women may be eligible in some cases) living in Knox, Warren, and Hender-



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son Counties. Even if a woman has already been diagnosed with cancer, she may receive free treatment if she qualifies. If you do not have a health care provider, are insured, uninsured or underinsured, call today to learn more about IBCCP and the Knox Community Health Center. Please contact us at the Knox County Health Department at 309-344-2224 to see if the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program can be of assistance. If more women have access to care, we can reduce the rates of cervical cancer.

## IAA Foundation Offers Scholarships To Support Ag, Farm Families

More than \$340,000 in scholarships are available for agriculture students through the IAA Foundation.

"Offering scholarships that encourage students to explore degrees in agriculture related fields is a privilege," said Jennifer

Smith, IAA Foundation development manager. "It is imperative that future agriculture leaders receive financial support so they can focus on their education and begin to build their career in agriculture."

Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members, spouses and dependents are eligible to apply for college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm.

Applications are now open for a variety of financial awards including the newly created Gene A. Daiber Scholarship, J. Lloyd and Elizabeth Broaddus Jones Scholarship, Joe and Sue Summerville Scholarship, Kenneth and Kay Engle Agriculture Scholarship, Pat Oaks Memorial Scholarship, and Paul Meints Scholarship. Additionally, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of Prairie Farms Dairy, Illinois Pork Producers

Association and several family scholarships established to honor legacies and loved ones.

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

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Applications must be completed online by February 15. For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation at 309-557-2232, or email Jennifer Smith at [jsmith@ilfb.org](mailto:jsmith@ilfb.org)

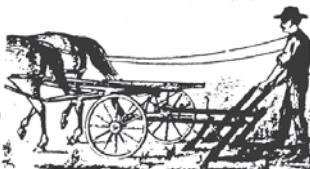
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# Looking Back



January 2016



Farm Bureau Digs the Decades was the theme for this year's trivia night. Knox County participated with two teams: Peace, Love, & KCFB and Monty Hall's Let's Make a Deal!

## PrimeTimers News

PrimeTimers did not meet in December. The next meeting is the Program of Work meeting on January 20. Please call the office to be added to the mailing list if you would like to join. Members 55 and older are welcome to join!

## Recipe of the Month

### Creamy Beef and Bowtie Pasta

#### Ingredients:

1 lb ground beef  
8 oz bowtie pasta  
1 tbsp olive oil  
1 small onion, diced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 cup beef broth  
1 cup heavy cream  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1 tsp paprika  
Salt & pepper, to taste  
Fresh parsley, for garnish (optional)



#### Directions:

Cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain and set aside. In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add the ground beef and cook until browned, breaking into crumbles as it cooks. Remove excess fat. Add diced onion and minced garlic to the beef in the skillet. Saute for about 2-3 minutes, until the onion is softened. Pour in beef broth, stirring to combine. Bring to a simmer and cook for 5 minutes to reduce slightly. Stir in heavy whipping cream, cheddar cheese, Parmesan cheese, paprika, salt and pepper. Continue stirring until the cheese is melted and the sauce is creamy and smooth. Add the cooked pasta to the skillet and toss to coat the pasta in the creamy beef sauce. Cook for an additional 2-3 minutes to heat everything through. Serve hot with a garnish of parsley. Enjoy!

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