

EVENTS *in* Davis County

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Office Update

While we continue to make changes to serve our community the best we can during this time, we are not fully open to the public just yet. Our office is open, but by appointment only. Staff members are working in the office in staggered shifts. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday there will be a staff member in the office from 8AM-4:30 PM. To make an appointment with one of our staff members, please call the office or email them directly. Contact information is on the left side of this page. There will only be one person allowed in at a time and our staff will practice safety precautions per Iowa State guidance (distancing, masks, gloves, sanitizing surface areas, etc.). Contactless drop off/pick up is also an option. If you only need to drop something off or pick something up, please call the office to arrange the details. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to safely serve Iowans and Davis County.

Craig Leager- Regional Director



We are pleased to welcome Craig Leager as our new Regional Director. Craig will serve as director for Region 26, covering Davis, Jefferson, Van Buren, and Wapello Counties. Since 2018 Leager has been national manager of advanced certifications with National Institute for STEM Education, Houston, Texas. Previously he served as a K-12 science consultant with Great Prairie Area Education Agency, Ottumwa. He also has 17 years of experience with the Des Moines Public Schools, in roles ranging from teacher to content specialist to principal.

To contact Craig:

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Mary Weinand Family Finance Specialist

We are pleased to welcome Mary Weinand as one of our new Human Sciences Specialist. Mary specializes in Family Finance and can offer FREE, CONFIDENTIAL financial help.

Many lowans have experienced a sudden income drop, yet the bills keep coming. Free and confidential individual conversations can help create or revise a budget, set priorities for bill payment or connect with community resources to stretch incomes.

Contact Mary at 319.931.5087 or mweinand@iastate.edu



Dawn Dunnegan Family Life Specialist

We are pleased to welcome Dawn Dunnegan as our other new Human Sciences Specialist for Davis County. Dawn specializes in Family Life.

Contact Dawn at (319) 385- 8126 or dunnegan@ iastate.edu

4H NEWS

Davis County 4-H and FFA will have private Static and Livestock shows July 13-18. Unfortunately, the shows are not open to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each family will receive 6 wristbands per show they are exhibiting in. Shows will be spread out over a period of days to give time for volunteers to properly sanitize the area. Staff and volunteers are encouraged to wear masks. Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be available for use by all in attendance. We have a set protocol of best practices to follow. We know that with the help of our volunteers we will be able to put together quality shows with a limited risk of exposure.

Families must call the Extension Office by July 9 and give the 6 names per show that will be in attendance. There will be an admissions gate to the shows. We will have those names on a list and check them off as they come. They will receive their wristband at that time. If you have any questions please call us at 641-664-2730.



Please see this [letter from Vice President, John Lawrence](#). It describes steps we have taken to protect staff, faculty and the public as we work to reopen ISU Extension and Outreach offices to the public. It also explains how we continue to develop and engage in alternate ways of bringing research-based education to all lowans.



Master Gardeners

The Davis County Master Gardeners are participating in the 2020 Bale Trail. Make sure you check out their watering can bale on the North East corner of the square! #wateringourfuture

Davis County Master Gardeners Symposium: The Master Gardeners invite you to attend a symposium on **August 1st from 10am-2pm**. This event will be outdoors on the North East corner of the square, (by the bale). This educational event will feature booths, each with a different educational presentation and free give away item! Presentation topics include: Pollinators: Plant Grow, Fly Program, Succulents, Composting, Fall Lawn Care Practices for a "Home Turf Advantage," Elevated gardening & Tools, Accessible Gardening and Container gardening Inside & Out. Come learn with us!

Fall Training Classes: Are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener this Fall? Classes will begin in August and go through November. Classes follow a "Flipped Classroom" model and consist of online videos and field experiences. Due to COVID-19, it is unclear what the field experiences will look like at this time. More information to follow. Please email marimel@iastate.edu if you would like more information.

Online Programming

During this time, programming has moved online. We are looking into Fall, Ag. programming with the possibility of conducting this outdoors. Please follow our Facebook page for online programming opportunities: **ISU Extension and Outreach: Davis County** or contact Mari Melvin– marimel@iastate.edu or (641) 664-2730. Recent opportunities include a babysitting class, food preservation class, business, gardening and agricultural podcasts and much more.

Due to COVID-19, our July meeting on 7/1 will be virtual. August meeting is on 8/5. Please email marimel@iastate.edu if you'd like to join us. All are welcome. Follow our Facebook page to stay connected: Davis County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse.



a pregnancy and early childhood group for all families

We are still enrolling new families during this time! Nest is a parent education class. Earn points for coming to class and spend them on items for your family! No income requirement. Call Mari Melvin at 641-664-2730 to enroll.

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