

EVENTS *in* Davis County

August | 2020



Davis County Extension Office

402 E. North Street

Bloomfield, IA 52537

(641) 664-2730

www.extension.iastate.edu/davis

STAFF:

Mari Melvin
Program Coordinator
marimel@iastate.edu

Courtney Hale
County Youth Coordinator
chale@iastate.edu

Hailey Burgher
Office Assistant
hburgher@iastate.edu

Rylie Johnson
Summer Intern
ryliej@iastate.edu

We're Here to Serve You

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.

Did You Receive an Unsolicited Seed Package?

Why is this important?

1. The seed is unlabeled, and could be an **invasive plant** that does not currently exist in the US.
2. The seed may contain **seed-borne diseases** that we don't have in the USA.
3. Some packets appear to have an **unknown seed treatment** applied (seed treatments are usually an insecticide and/or fungicide). Because the packets are unlabeled we don't know what the compounds are, nor how dangerous they could be to human health.
4. Seed is an agricultural commodity that is regulated for **quality and content** by the USDA as well as State Departments of Agriculture.

Current messaging:

1. Do not plant the seed.
2. Do not open the packets.
3. Do not eat the seed.
4. Please retain the packaging and seed, once we have directives from USDA will likely be making arrangements to collect the seed for appropriate disposal.

What to do if you receive unsolicited seed:

Contact the Iowa Department of Agriculture or USDA and report your contact information. Once we have a directive from USDA we will make contact with everyone and make appropriate arrangements. IDALS – 515-281-5321
Or, USDA – 515-251-4083

Online Programming

- **Protecting Your Swine Investment-** Maintenance matters for getting the full life out of your swine buildings. ISU Extension & Outreach is offering a series of five 1-hour webinars with tips for maintaining and protecting your buildings. From the pit to the trusses, concrete to air inlets, this series covers the range. Webinar sessions are 1-2pm CDT on August 19, 21, 24, 26, and 28. Registration for the entire series is \$20 online at <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/building>
- **Farm Leasing Meetings**– Gain knowledge on current land value & cash rental rate surveys, types of farm lease arrangements, determining a fair cash rent, strategies for writing and terminating a farm lease and economic outlook. Registration cost: \$20/individual \$30/couple, 2 hour seminar includes Leasing Book. See graphic below for registration details closest to you.

Land Owners | Tenants | Ag Lenders | Farm Managers | Farm Suppliers

Pick your date & Call the number listed to Register and for Details.



Due to Covid-19, the number of meetings have been reduced. Bring your own pencils and paper. Seating will be limited and you must preregister 48 hours before the meeting, walk-ins will not be accepted.

- **Drought Webinar Series-** Topics will include a general weather update, drought monitor updates, pasture and hay shortages, preparing for silage and nitrates, yield estimates, and end-of-year considerations related to grain quality and storage. The webinars will run from 1-2 p.m. on July 30, Aug. 6, Aug. 13 and Aug. 20, and are intended for crop farmers and livestock producers in drought-affected areas, ag service providers and ag retailers, farm managers, ag lenders and anyone impacted by drought conditions in Iowa. Registration is free but required: <http://www.aep.iastate.edu/drought/>
- **Stress on the Farm: Strategies that Help-** Farming is a dangerous and stressful occupation, especially with so many economic factors not under the producer's control. In this short program, individuals will review the signs of stress, learn strategies to cope with stress, examine ways to help others, and review available resources. August 3rd @ 12:30– 1pm Register: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/event_details/16270
- **Question. Persuade. Refer. (QPR)-** Three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. When you take the QPR suicide prevention training for lay and professional "gatekeepers", you'll learn the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to respond. Say "yes" to saving the life of a friend, colleague, sibling or neighbor! August 4th @ 12-1pm Register: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/event_details/16294
- **Safe Mushroom Foraging-** the second of a two-part online workshop for anyone interested in learning more about identifying and foraging local mushrooms. The Aug. 4th workshop will be held from 6-7 p.m. via Zoom video conferencing. The deadline to register is Aug. 3 at noon- https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_57mYnRVYR286aa1 Size is limited to 300 participants. Course is free of charge. For questions about online registration contact Katelyn Brinkerhoff at kbrink@iastate.edu

Online Programming

- **Finances of Caregiving– Planning As You Age:** Tuesdays 2:00- 3:30 pm beginning 09/01 and ending 09/29/2020. The cost of the class is \$20 and online registration is available at <https://bit.ly/foc16258> or by contacting Mary M. Weinand at 319-931-5087, mweinand@iastate.edu
- **ELEVATE: Taking Your Relationship to the Next Level-** Whether you are part of a couple preparing for marriage, in a blended family, or expecting a child, this workshop is for you. Together you will learn and practice seven skills essential to maintain a healthy and stable relationship. Wednesdays 12:30-1:00 pm, Register at no cost: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/elevate>
- **Food Preservation 101:** Love that fresh garden produce but have more than you can eat? Preserve it! It's not difficult, but you do need to follow safe methods. You'll learn how to can, freeze, and dry foods safely at home. Aug. 20th @ 10:00 am OR 8:00 pm, Sept. 10th @ 7 pm. Register at no cost: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/preservation-101>

Resources

- **COVID-19 Resources from ISU:** <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/disasterrecovery/covid-19>
- **COVID Recovery Iowa:** offers free, virtual counseling and assistance for all Iowans affected by COVID-19 <https://covidrecoveryiowa.org/>
- **Farm and Ranch Wellbeing Resources:** https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/farm-ranch-wellbeing_fbclid=IwAR1DwZq58GTILh1sB8qrDnIUJ0LyyOhse52im6WtSxZFUWMjCuL_BU650
- **Mental Health and Wellbeing Resources:** <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Due to COVID-19, our August meeting on 8/5 will be virtual via Zoom. 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.

IOWA STATE
UNIVERSITY

Extension and Outreach

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach does not discriminate on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, pregnancy, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or status as a U.S. veteran, or other protected classes. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies may be directed to the Diversity Advisor, 2150 Beardshear Hall, 515 Morrill Road, Ames, Iowa 50011, 515-294-1482, extdiversity@iastate.edu. All other inquiries may be directed to 800-262-3804.