September Happenings

**September 1**
Nest 11:00 am

**September 6**
Office closed

**September 8th**
Nest 6:00 pm

**September 13th**
Council Meeting 5:30 pm
Nest 11:00 am

**September 15th**
Nest 6:00 pm

**September 22nd**
Nest 6:00 pm

**September 27th**
Nest 11:00 am

**September 29th**
Nest 6:00 pm
Forage Field Day Focused on Annuals to be Held in Southeast Iowa

Agronomic and livestock considerations will be part of discussion

August 13, 2021, 12:30 pm / Rebecca Vitteto, Clarabel Knapp, Patrick Wall

MILTON, IOWA — Annual forages will be the featured topic at a Sept. 7 field day being hosted at the Wells Dairy Farm near Milton, in southeast Iowa.

“Incorporating annual forages into a crop rotation can provide agronomic benefits such as reducing pest pressure, rotating pesticides, and scavenging soil nutrients,” said Clarabel Knapp, field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. “Additionally, this can provide enterprise flexibility and provide feed during times when perennial pasture or forage produce is more limited.”

The Wells Dairy Farm is a family-owned three-generation farm and in addition to the dairy, they also raise row crops and forages. They’ve utilized annual forages on their farm for several years.

The field day will include a producer’s perspective of utilizing annual forages by dairy farmers Jason and Paul Wells; agronomic considerations with annual forages by Knapp and Rebecca Vitteto, field agronomists with ISU Extension and Outreach; and a discussion on utilizing annual forages in livestock operations by Patrick Wall, beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

The field day will also include results of research that ISU Extension and Outreach has conducted looking at both winter and warm season annual forages.

There will be a free supper at the start of the field day that will be grilled by the Van Buren County Cattlemen.

The field day is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. However, to help with a head count for the supper, please RSVP to the ISU Extension and Outreach Van Buren County office by noon on Sept. 7 by either calling 319-293-3039 or emailing nancarr@iastate.edu.

A free supper is being provided, thanks to Iowa Forage and Grassland Council, Libertyville Savings Bank, First Iowa State Bank and other local sponsors.

Directions: The Wells’ dairy farm is located at 14658 252 St., Milton, Iowa. From Keosauqua, go south on Highway 1, turn west on Highway 2 for about eight miles toward Route V64. Turn north onto V64 for two miles and then turn west onto 252 St. for about 0.5 miles, until you arrive at the destination.

For additional information contact Clarabel Knapp at 641-664-2730 or email caknapp@iastate.edu. Patrick Wall can be reached at 515-450-7665 or email patwall@iastate.edu.

Shareable photo: Forage study.

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COVID Recovery Iowa Grant Extended through End of Year

August 12, 2021, 3:41 pm | David Brown

AMES, Iowa – The Federal Emergency Management Agency has extended COVID Recovery Iowa’s grant through December. The grant was last set to expire at the end of May. The Iowa Department of Human Services administers COVID Recovery Iowa, and five providers, including Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, operate it across the state. COVID Recovery Iowa offers free virtual counseling and assistance to any Iowan. An additional $154,704 was provided to ISU Extension and Outreach to maintain its outreach, educational and virtual crisis counseling services as a part of this project.

COVID Recovery Iowa first became available to all Iowans when the national emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic was declared on March 13, 2020. Since that time, the initiative has been helpful in distributing information on COVID-19, as well as providing Iowans with mental health resources during this difficult time.

COVID Recovery Iowa provides Iowans with information on resources such as housing, utilities and food security. The program also offers groups and activities on their dedicated social media platforms including their COVID Recovery Iowa Facebook page. All services are free of charge to all Iowans in all 99 counties. Services also can be accessed by contacting the Iowa Concern Hotline at 515-477-1985, the Iowa Warm Line at 844-775-9276 or the Spanish Line at 531-800-3687.

“COVID Recovery Iowa services are still available to help guide anyone impacted by COVID-19 to resources,” said David Brown, behavioral health state specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. “We are still here offering stress counseling, outreach and other supportive services. We continue to provide information about COVID-19 because the disease continues to impact Iowans.”

Visit https://covidrecoveryiowa.org/ for more information.

Other resources

Iowa Concern, offered by ISU Extension and Outreach, provides confidential access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics. With a toll-free phone number, live chat capabilities and a website, Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. To reach Iowa Concern, call 800-447-1985; language interpretation services are available. Or visit the website, https://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Or email an expert regarding legal, finance, stress, or crisis and disaster issues.