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Federal and State Funding Programs for Farmers

CALMAR -- Are you looking for ways to develop your innovative agricultural business? Join us for a workshop designed to help you identify which grants might be right for you. This workshop will also discuss ways to plan your project and strengthen your application.

“Money Everywhere but in my Pocket” will be offered on Monday, November 22 at 10 A.M. in the Wilder Auditorium on the Northeast Iowa Community College Campus. Attendees will learn about loan and grant programs from USDA, FSA, Small Business Administration, Iowa Microloan and Upper Explorerland.

Presenters for the program include: Craig Downs, President and Senior Loan Administrator, Iowa Microloan Program, Carolynn Tonn, Business Development Specialist, Small Business Administration, Cindy Mensen Iowa Association of FSA County Office Employees (IASCOE) President, Farm Service Agency, Norman Brus, Area Specialist, USDA Rural Development and Bill Ziegler, Economic Development Coordinator, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission.

The program will allow each presenter to speak of the programs offered in their institution, followed by a break out session to allow for more personal communications to take place. A second session will follow and be open ended to allow for all questions to be answered. There will be local foods provided to sample as well.
Learn to Use Quickbooks for Your Farm or Business
ELKADER -- Set a goal to organize your farm or business finances in the new year. Get started now by setting up Quickbooks to take advantage of the efficiency and organization you can gain by using the program. Quickbooks manages all the financial records for a single business.

Clayton County Development group is hosting a Quickbooks Workshop series in Elkader. The workshop is a three-part series held on Nov. 9, 16 and 23. Participants will learn how to set up accounts receivable and payable and how to prepare invoices and bills. Quickbooks can manage your inventory and keep track of the number of items in stock and the value of your inventory after every purchase and sale. Quickbooks Payroll is a quick and convenient way to pay your employees at each pay period.

The class will be taught by CPAs from Gritton Associates of Manchester. The workshop series is coordinated by the Clayton County Development Group, NE IA Biz Network, ISU Extension, the NE IA Food & Farm Coalition, and the Community Vitality Center. The cost is $25 per person to attend. A follow-up meeting will be held in January for assistance.

For more information or to register, contact Clayton County Development at 563-245-2201.

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ISU Extension Hosting On-Farm Milk Quality Workshops
NORTHEAST IOWA -- With anticipated major changes in milk quality standards, producers need to be at the top of their game with herd management practices that lead to improved cow health and milk quality. ISU Extension in partnership with area milk, veterinary, nutrition, and milk equipment associates are hosting several workshops to help producers prepare for the new quality standards.

Dr. Leo Timms, ISU Extension Dairy Specialist and recognized expert on udder health topics will start the discussion at each farm. Producers will visit five stations during the workshop including the milking center and housing areas.
Four workshops will be held in northeast Iowa: Dec. 14 at the Randy and Lisa Hanson farm near Decorah; Dec. 15 at Whittle Farms, LLC of Volga; Dec. 16 at the Greg and Debbi Conger farm, Riceville; and Dec. 17 at the Phil and Carol Uhlenhopp farm, Sumner.

Registration and lunch will be 11-11:30 a.m. with the program running from 11:30-2:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend, but an RSVP is requested to aid meal and material planning.

Contact the ISU Extension office in Winneshiek County at 563-382-2949 or ISU Dairy Specialist Jennifer Bentley at jbentley@iastate.edu. More details and online registration is available at www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek.

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