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Fall Seeding Featured on Pasture Walk
NEW ALBIN – The pros and cons of fall seeding out-wintered paddocks will be featured at the next Northeast Iowa Graziers Pasture Walk on Tuesday, September 21 at the Winnes Family farm near New Albin. The walk will run from 10:30 am to noon and is open to grass-based farmers or “graziers” of all species and at all levels.

The Winnes farm is located at 18838 Nelson Valley Road, New Albin. From Lansing, turn right on 26, go to New Albin, IA. At the MN border, travel 6 miles north and turn left onto County Road 249. 0.5 mile turn left on Nelson Valley Road.

The Northeast Iowa Graziers plan monthly walks to local farms to help producers learn how better pasture management can result in both healthier profits and a healthier environment. The walks are organized by area graziers and supported by Iowa State University Extension, Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Northeast Iowa Community Based Dairy Foundation.

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Fall Fest Planned Near Guttenberg
GUTTENBERG - Join ISU Extension and Our Produce Patch at Murray's Country Garden and Outdoor Store on Saturday Oct. 2 for a fun afternoon of fall activities for the family.
Visitors may come to the farm between 9 am and 5 pm. A wide variety of pumpkins, squash and gourds will be available to harvest and there will be displays on growing vine crops, bird house gourds and other gourd crafting ideas. Apple cider and squash samples will be available. Drawings for door prizes will take place at 11:00 and 2:00.

Bob Hauer with ISU Extension will display “Tattoo Gourds” and have a workshop after the 11:00 drawing. Participants will learn how to tattoo a gourd with common household tools and have a chance to practice on a gourd of their own to take home. The cost for this workshop will be $5 and will be limited to 10 people. Sign up at the Extension display beforehand.

The Murray’s Country Garden is located at 1402 South Hwy. 52, Guttenberg.

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Forestry Field Day Highlights Iowa Tree Farmer of Year
ELKADER — Iowa State University Forestry Extension, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Bureau and the Iowa Tree Farm Association will host an educational field day from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Tom and Agnes Kenney’s tree farm on Thursday, Oct. 7. This year, the field day replaces the annual day held at Yellow River Forest near Harpers Ferry.

The Kenneys are being honored as Iowa Tree Farmer of the Year, said ISU Extension Forester Jesse Randall. “The workshop will highlight many of the forestry practices that Tom and Agnes have implemented on their farm over the years, as well as give participants a chance to interact with and ask questions to district and consulting foresters.”

Over lunch, updates will be given on the state of Emerald Ash Borer in Iowa and the control of several highly invasive plants, Randall said. Several small scale forestry equipment products will be used during the field day, and a portable sawmill will be cutting unique slabs for wood turning and gunstocks. A program on handling, drying and preserving fresh cut lumber also will be available. This field day is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. The cost of the program is $12 and will cover refreshments, lunch and handouts.

To get to the Kenney tree farm, from the north edge of Strawberry Point, go north on Highway 13 approximately 6.7 miles to the intersection with 318th Street. Turn right (south) and follow the signs to the field day location. From Elkader, at the intersection of Highways 56 and 13 head south on Highway 13 approximately 6.7 miles to the intersection with 318th Street. Turn left (south) and follow the signs to the field day.

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Other Releases

Register Now for Partnering with Parents Online Mini-Course

Professionals who work with parents can register now for an online mini-course in Partnering with Parents, Iowa State University Extension’s training program focused on parenting education. The online course begins Oct. 11 and runs through Nov. 19.
Late summer and early fall is the time to divide some perennials and plant bulbs for spring blooms. It also is the time when the presence of sooty mold is evident.

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