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News Release
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Yellow River State Forest Field Day Set for October 6

HARPERS FERRY - The Forest Reserve Program will be the focus of discussion at the annual Forestry Field Day at Yellow River State Forest on October 6. Given recent legislative interest in the program, Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau Chief Paul Tauke will lead a discussion on the history behind the program and give an update on recent legislation.

After lunch, ISU Extension and District Foresters will lead a demonstration on log quality and how defects affect the price. Logs will be milled into boards on the Yellow River State Forest Sawmill to show how external defects show up in the milled lumber.

At the end of the day, participants will have a chance to work in small groups with a District Forester to sharpen their tree identification skills. Tree identification will be covered from the basics of leaf ID to bud and bark characteristics making this ID course applicable for all levels.

The program will run from 9-4 p.m. at the Yellow River State Forest Headquarters complex, 729 State Forest Road (County HWY B25). 5 miles SE of Rossville on Hwy 76 to B25; 4 miles NE on B25 to the Headquarters. Look for forestry field day signs at the entrance to the headquarters.

A grant is making this program and lunch free to all, but you must RSVP by calling Jesse Randall at 515-294-1168 or email randallj@iastate.edu by October 1 to guarantee a meal. Participants should dress for outdoor conditions.

More information and the full agenda can be found at www.forestry.iastate.edu.

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News Release
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Personal Financial Management Class Offered in Decorah

DECORAH - Do you often wonder where your money is going? Do you want to improve your credit history? Do you yearn for something, yet never can find the money to get it? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the “Your Money, Your Future” class is for you!

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering a personal financial management series at Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health in Decorah starting Oct. 3.

“When we have sound information and strong skills for managing money and making financial decisions, then we can use our money effectively to live out our highest priorities,” says Erin Ludwig, ISU Extension Family Finance Program Specialist.

Week one will cover setting goals, managing unexpected and periodical expenses, and savings. Week two will talk about tracking spending, creating a budget, decreasing expenses and increasing income. The third week discusses types of credit, ways to manage credit, predatory lending and resources for the consumer.

The program will meet from 4-5:50 pm for three weeks (Oct. 3, 10, 17). There is no fee to attend, but registration is required by calling Tara Talbert at NE Iowa Behavioral Health at 563-382-3649.

For more information and a brochure, visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek) or contact Erin Ludwig, ISU Extension program specialist at 563-380-1475 or email eludwig@iastate.edu.

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Other Releases

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NCR-SARE Announces 2011 Farmer Rancher Grant Call for Proposals

The 2011 North Central Region – Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) Farmer Rancher Grant Call for Proposals is now available online at [www.northcentralsare.org](http://www.northcentralsare.org).

Farmers and ranchers in the North Central Region are invited to submit grant proposals for projects to explore sustainable agriculture solutions to problems on the farm or ranch. Proposals should show how farmers and ranchers plan to use their own innovative ideas to explore sustainable agriculture options and how they will share project results.

Sustainable agriculture is good for the environment, profitable, and socially responsible.

Projects should emphasize research or education/demonstration. SARE does not provide grants for everyday farming expenses. Grants can range up to $7,500 for individual farmers and up to $22,500 for groups of 3 or more farmers.

NCR-SARE expects to fund about 40 projects in the twelve-state North Central Region with this call. In addition to the Call for Proposals, applicants can find a wealth of information to help them with the application process on the North Central SARE website, from grant writing tips to video tutorials.

The deadline for proposals is Friday, December 2, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

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ISU Extension to Host Goat Meeting on Oct 5

RICEVILLE – Farmers, professionals, and others interested in dairy and meat goat production should plan to attend an upcoming meeting focused on kid care, milk quality, and herd health.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is hosting meeting for meat and dairy goat producers on Oct. 5 from 10 am to 1:30 pm at the Riceville Community Center. Featured speakers include Dr. Paul Plummer, DVM from the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Leo Timms, Associate Professor and ISU Extension Dairy Specialist and Jennifer Bentley, ISU Extension dairy program specialist in northeast Iowa.

Dr. Plummer has considerable personal experience with the goat industry. His presentation will cover issues occurring during the kidding season and basic herd health information to produce a healthy goat.

The program and lunch is sponsored by Osage Co-op, Merck-Safeguard and All-Tech. After lunch there will be a Q & A session with speakers on topics chosen by audience.

Pre-register by September 28 for a meal count by calling Jenn Bentley at 563-382-2949 or jbentley@iastate.edu or visiting www.extension.iastate.edu/winneshiek.

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