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## Van Buren County

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2021 Holidays the Van Buren County office is closed:

January 1 (New Year's Day)

January 18 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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### OUR DOORS MAY BE LOCKED....

But our commitment to serving Iowans has not changed! You can contact us by calling 319-293-3039 or by emailing us at [nancarr@iastate.edu](mailto:nancarr@iastate.edu) or [jbathje@iastate.edu](mailto:jbathje@iastate.edu)

### Bee Class Offered



**Van Buren County Extension will be hosting a beekeeping class held at the Robert's Memorial Building, Highway 1 North, Keosauqua on Saturday, February 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a one-hour lunch break (lunch will not be provided). Pre-registration is required with a \$5 fee, payable at the door. There is a registration limit. If you plan to attend this class, please call the Van Buren County Extension office at 319-293-3039.**



**ServSafe, the national certification program for food service managers and employees will be held in Keosauqua on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Class begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. with testing for certification following the class. The cost of the course is \$160 and includes the class time, a manual, and the national certification exam. The class will be held at the Van Buren County Hospital Community Services Conference Room, 308 Mulberry St., Keosauqua.**

**Anyone interested in preparing and serving safe food is welcome to attend. The course is required currently by some companies including restaurants, hospitals, schools, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. To receive more information and additional registration forms, contact Sara Sprouse, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Nutrition and Wellness program specialist by email at [sprouse@iastate.edu](mailto:sprouse@iastate.edu) or call 319-293-3039. Registration is required by January 26, 2021.**

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## Transitioning to Organic Agriculture



This is a 16-week course, starting January 26 and running to May 4. This class will teach all the requirements to produce certified organic crops and livestock for the increasing organic market in the U.S. You will hear from organic farmers and experts in the fields of production, certification, government programs, and markets, along with ISU professors working in organic agriculture. The class is held one night a week, synchronous through Zoom™, to allow for exciting interactions with leaders in the field. If you would like to take it for ISU credits (3 credits), please register here: <https://www.agonline.iastate.edu/courses/course/2021-spring/agron-484-2>

Due to COVID-related budget and personnel cuts, the Brenton Center (the host at ISU) will be charging \$200/person for this 16-week course. Scholarships are available: please email [kdelate@iastate.edu](mailto:kdelate@iastate.edu) for more information.

## Human Sciences Program Scholarships are Available

Van Buren County Extension is offering full scholarships to Van Buren County residents for the registration fees for these Human Sciences programs. These are virtual programs. Just register for the program and pay the registration fee. When you have fulfilled the program requirements, Van Buren County Extension will reimburse you the registration fee. For more information or questions, please contact the Van Buren County Extension office at 319-293-3039.

### Your Money Your Goals

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/your-money-goals>

### Small Change: Building Financial Security

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/small-change>

### Powerful Tools for Caregivers/Children

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/ptc>

### Powerful Tools for Caregivers/Adults

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