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EMERGENCY RESOURCE FAIR

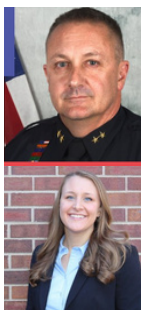
Saturday, September 9 | 10 AM - 4 PM
Waterfront Convention Center

Make Plans to Attend the Be Ready QC Emergency Resource Fair - September 9th!

September is National Disaster Preparedness Month, and we're excited to be part of an event that can help save lives and protect our community. The first ever Be Ready QC Emergency Resource Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, from 10 am to 4 pm, at the Waterfront Convention Center, 2021 State St. in Bettendorf, IA.

What to Expect: Get ready for a day filled with valuable information, hands-on training, engaging activities, and inspiring speakers—all geared towards enhancing your emergency and disaster preparedness knowledge. The family-friendly event promises something for everyone, from young learners to seasoned adults.

Featured Speakers: A.J. Deandrea and his daughter, Madalena Deandrea will address Active Shootings. They each bring unique perspectives: A.J., a retired Deputy Chief with a remarkable 30-year law enforcement career, has responded to significant incidents like the Columbine and Platte Canyon School Shootings. His daughter, Madalena, an Emergency Management Specialist, is herself a mass shooting survivor. Together, they will shed light on the topic of Active Shootings from 1 PM to 3 PM.



Hands-On Learning Opportunities:

- **American Red Cross Pillowcase Project:** Sessions at 11 AM and 1 PM. Learn how to prepare a personalized emergency kit using a pillowcase.

- **Stop The Bleed Training:** Available every 30 minutes, this training could empower you to save a life by teaching you how to control bleeding in emergency situations.

- **Hands-Only CPR Training:** Learn this vital skill that could make all the difference during critical moments.



Exciting Extras:

- **Giveaways and Door Prizes:** Get a chance to win valuable items for emergency readiness.
- **Educational Booths:** Engage with informative booths hosted by organizations like FEMA, American Red Cross, National Weather Service, Alert Iowa, QC Ready, Quad Cities HEARTSafe Coalition, Impact Life, Disaster Ready Quad Cities, Iowa State Extension, University of Illinois Extension, and more.
- **Food Truck, Kelley Girls Woodfire Pizza** will be at the event! Have a bite to eat before or after visiting the Fair!

Save the Date and Get Ready:

Admission is free and promises to equip you with crucial skills and knowledge to face unexpected challenges.

For More Information:

For all the details and to stay updated, visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BeReadyQC. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to be a proactive and prepared member of your community. Stop by our Illinois Extension booth for a chance to win a Disaster Kit. We hope to see you there!



Join us on Wed, Sept 6, from 10 AM to Noon for this unique opportunity at the Brian Corkill Farm, 22804 Walter Payton Memorial Hwy, Galva, IL.

- See an Aerial Drone and Robot Cover Crop Seeding demonstration by Dennis Bowman, Illinois Extension Specialist- Digital Agriculture, and watch the seeding of a field with cover crops by both drone and robot.
- Host farmer, Brian Corkill, will share his knowledge of soil health principles and discuss his challenges and successes in planting cover crops in Henry County.
- Rachel Curry, Illinois Extension AGRI and Agribusiness Educator will share insights into the role of cover crops in nutrient loss and in the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.
- Precision Conservation Management will also highlight some of the programs they offer to help offset cover crop input costs.

Get all the details at go.illinois.edu/TechFieldDay

Have gardening questions?

Fill out an Ask the Master Gardener form online to get your gardening questions answered @

go.illinois.edu/AsktheMasterGardener

Or call the Illinois Extension Master Gardeners



HORT HELPLINE
217-300-0240



Fall Harvest of Horticulture

Sept 14, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Aledo Fire Station, Aledo, IL

Embrace Nature's Wonders!

Illinois Extension Master Gardeners invite you to cultivate a habitat that thrives with life and color. Explore Sunflowers and Pollinators with two local experts!

Unveiling the World of Sunflowers

Emily Swihart, Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator, will unveil the captivating universe of sunflowers. Delve into their superpowers and unravel their vital role as a global agricultural treasure.

- Explore Global Significance
- Nurture Your Curiosity

Bees, Butterflies, & Birds: Your Guide to Being a Habitat Helper

Step into the world of vibrant native plants and become a true friend of wildlife. Aleshia Kenney, Biologist for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife, will be your guide on an inspiring exploration. Learn how these native wonders play a crucial role in supporting pollinators like bees, butterflies, and birds.

- Foster Native Wildlife
- Tackle Non-Native Challenges
- Create Thriving Habitats



Cost is \$10 person. RSVP at (309) 756-9978 or at go.illinois.edu/FallHarvestHort

Online Webinars & In-Person Classes

Get Savvy
Grow Your Green Stuff

FOR RENT

Sept 6 @ 12 PM | Read Before You Sign: Renting & Leasing | Get Savvy : Grown Your Green Stuff Series

Renting a home alone or with roommates is a big commitment. Learn about rental agreements and how they work so you know your responsibilities and rights when renting a place to call home.

Register at go.illinois.edu/getsavvywebinars



September 14 @ 1 PM | New Tools for Healthy Waterways: Everyday Environment Series

The Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy is a multi-agency partnership that works to keep our waterways and everything healthy downstream. Explore the three new best practices that have recently been added to the list of recommended practices: water and sediment control basins, saturated buffers, and terraces. Finally, hear how farmers and landowners can apply these to help their bottom line and the environment. Presenters: Rachel Curry, Ag and Agribusiness Educator, and Nicole Haverback, Watershed Outreach Associate

Register at go.illinois.edu/nutrientlostools



Sept 28 @ 10 AM | Addressing Ageism and Promoting Inclusivity: Lesson for Living Series

Ageist attitudes influence how we think of others and even ourselves. Learn more about what ageism is, how it impacts society, and ways to promote inclusivity in our communities.

Register at go.illinois.edu/2023HCElessons



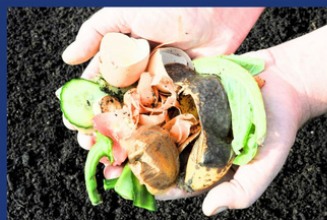
Sept 18 @ 7 PM | Five Steps to Protect Your Farm: Legal Training for IL Small Farms Series

Are there a few key steps that provide significant impact when it comes to the farm or ranch's protection from legal risks? Yes, there are. Every farm or ranch, no matter its size, location, or longevity, is in a great position to build resilience. The session will help build knowledge and confidence around essential farm law issues.

Presenter: Eva Moss, Education Program Director, Farm Commons

Register at go.illinois.edu/ProtectYourFarm

VERMICOMPOSTING MAKE & TAKE



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Thurs., Oct 5 @ 2-3:30 PM | Vermicomposting Make & Take, In-person Workshop, IL Extension, Galva, IL

Are you ready to start composting? Join Emily Swihart, horticulture educator, and Kristin Bogdonas, nutrition and wellness educator, for a make-n-take workshop and learn about vermicomposting; using worms to decompose organic food waste, turning the waste into a nutrient-rich material for use in your garden and potted plants. You will go home with a vermicomposting bin, red wigglers (composting worms) and instructions on how to care for and maintain your worm bin throughout the year. You will be able to start composting your food scraps right away!

Register at go.illinois.edu/VermiBinWorkshop
or call the office at (309) 756-9978



National 4-H Week is October 1-7, 2023

Now is the time to sign up and be part of 4-H for the coming year!

4-H offers a place where kids can belong, lead, learn.

4-H programs challenge youth to “learn by doing” with fun, hands-on activities. Kids can learn, practice, and demonstrate new skills while exploring the interests that are important to them. In 4-H, youth are brought together in clubs led by caring adults who welcome them as a part of the larger 4-H family.

In 4-H, members learn about topics that interest them through projects. That could be anything from learning how to cook, build a robot, or care for the environment. Members can explore these topics through 4-H experiences such as community clubs, special interest clubs, workshops, and more.

4-H members range in age from 8 to 18. Youth ages 5 to 7 may join as a Cloverbud. The cost to join 4-H is just \$20 for the year.

New members can get more information by contacting our 4-H staff in our offices in Milan, Galva and Viola, IL

at: go.illinois.edu/4-HLearnByDoing

or fill out our new member interest form:

[@go.illinois.edu/4-HNewMemberInterest](https://go.illinois.edu/4-HNewMemberInterest)



Volunteer for 4-H to make sure our local youth have great opportunities to succeed!!

Share your special talents!

Do you have a special talent - fishing, sewing, cooking, crafts, science, robotics- that you would like to share with youth in your community? Sign up to be a 4-H Project or Special Interest Club volunteer to give youth the chance to develop skills in a specific topic area as they complete hands-on projects.

For these and other 4-H Volunteer Opportunities, contact Jennifer Peterson, 4-H Educator at: 217-300-7348

Email: jpetersn@illinois.edu


or fill out this form go.illinois.edu/4-HVolunteerHMRS




Embrace the Autumn Garden Revival


As August gracefully fades away and we set our sights on the joys of autumn, it's easy to let our gardening efforts take a backseat. After all, the relentless sun and heat can leave our once-vibrant plants feeling a little worse for wear. But fear not, fellow garden enthusiasts, for there's much to be done to ensure your garden thrives in the coming season!


Emily Swihart, Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator, shared some invaluable insights on keeping your garden and landscape in tip-top shape.

 **Bulb Planting:** There are two bulb categories deserving your attention this fall.

- **Tender Perennials:** These gems can be planted year after year but need special winter care. Think calla lilies, gladiolus, dahlia, and more.
- **Hardy Spring-Blooming Bulbs:** Get ready to welcome spring with Allium, Crocus, Common Snowdrop, Hyacinth, Iris, Daffodils, and Tulips.
- Find more info at go.illinois.edu/SpringBulbInfo

 **Trees and Shrubs in Autumn:** Now is the perfect time to plant deciduous trees. Check out The Outsider Newsletter for advice: go.illinois.edu/OutsiderTreePlanting

 **Lawn Care:** Elevate your turf game this season! Explore expert tips and tricks on northern Illinois lawn at go.illinois.edu/LawnTalk

 **Monarchs:** Witness the awe-inspiring migration of monarch butterflies! Join the ranks of citizen scientists and help track their population. You can even obtain tags from the Milan office to participate. Contact Tracy Jo Mulliken at tmully@illinois.edu or call (309) 756-9978.

So, as we bid adieu to summer and welcome the golden hues of fall, take this time to nurture and prepare your green havens for a breathtaking autumn and an even brighter spring ahead!