

# Illinois Dept. of Public Health Launches Online 'Vax Verify' System

Check your COVID-19 vaccination record on new immunization portal

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is launching a new immunization portal, Vax Verify, that will allow Illinois residents 18 years and older to check their COVID-19 vaccination record. Vax Verify can be accessed at <https://idphportal.illinois.gov>.

"As more businesses, events, organizations, and others require proof of vaccination, Illinois residents will be able to confirm using Vax Verify that they have been vaccinated for COVID-19," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "With the current surge in cases, more people are making the decision to get a COVID-19 vaccine and this new tool will aid residents in confirming their vaccination where needed."

Illinois State Fair concert goers with tickets for the grandstand track area (also known as Standing Room Only) are required to provide

a print or digital copy of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within the previous 72 hours. Ticket holders can register in Vax Verify to check their immunization record for documentation of COVID-19 vaccination.

More and more companies, such as United, Google, Netflix, Morgan Stanley, Saks Fifth Avenue, Ascension Health, and Lyft, are instituting vaccine requirements for at least some of their employees.

The verification system follows best practices to protect confidential health information. In order to download proof of vaccination, residents will go through a brief, one-time identity verification process to gain access to their immunization history.

The State of Illinois utilizes Experian® as its identity verification service provider. Individuals who have placed a freeze on their credit will

need to unfreeze their credit with Experian® and wait 24 hours before completing the registration process. After completing registrations, individuals can re-freeze their credit by contacting Experian®.

After the verification process, individuals can see their own record in the Illinois Comprehensive Automated Immunization Registry Exchange (I-CARE).

Immunization records are kept confidential and only the individual can access their vaccination history. Parents should talk with their child's provider to confirm their vaccination status. Some individuals with very common names will need to take additional steps to securely prove their identities.

Go to [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) or call 1-800-232-0233 to find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you.



# Improve your tree identification skills at Master Gardener class

Master Gardener and Master Naturalist volunteers of Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties will host tree identification walks this fall. Sessions are free and open to the public. Participants can attend one or all three classes, and space is limited.

University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator Sarah Vogel will lead the walks and discuss characteristics of trees and how to use them for identification. "Our volunteers are glad to offer these opportunities to the public," says program coordinator Jenny Lee, "it's a great way to discover more about the natural world around us."

Sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on select Wednesdays this fall. On September 8 participants meet at Lake Charleston Spillway Park pavilion, on September 29 at General Dacey Trail in Forest Park in Shelbyville, and October 13 at Walnut Point State Park Pleasant View parking area in Oakland.

Registration for the sessions are open now and will close two days before each scheduled walk. Register at <https://go.illinois.edu/treewalk>. For more information, contact Jenny Lee at



jalee73@illinois.edu or call (217)345-7034.

The horticulture program is a branch of University of Illinois Extension that provides research-based information and training about soil testing, tree health, lawn care, pest identification and control, vegetable gardening, and more. The horticulture program also provides Master Gardener and Master Naturalist training. Find Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby County Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists on Facebook.

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# 2021 Moultrie Douglas 4-H Horse Show results

**Pony Halter**  
Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

Halter - Horse Mare  
Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

Reserve Grand Champion - Kaydence Kennedy, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Halter - Gelding**  
Grand Champion - Natalie Lane, Tuscola, Country Clovers

Reserve Grand Champion - Kaydence Kennedy, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Pony Horsemanship**  
Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Jr. Horse Showmanship**  
Grand Champion - Natalie Lane, Tuscola, Country Clovers

Reserve Grand Champion - Wyatt Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Sr. Horse Showmanship**  
Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

Reserve Grand Champion - Kaydence Kennedy, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Pleasure Pony**  
Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Pleasure - Jr. Horse**  
Grand Champion -

Natalie Lane, Tuscola, Country Clovers

Reserve Grand Champion - Wyatt Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Pleasure - Sr. Horse**  
Grand Champion - Kaydence Kennedy, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

Reserve Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Please Pony Horsemanship**

Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Pleasure Jr. Horsemanship**  
Grand Champion - Natalie Lane, Tuscola, Country Clovers

Reserve Grand Champion - Wyatt Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Pleasure Sr. Horsemanship**  
Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

Reserve Grand Champion - Kaydence Kennedy, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Pony Trail**  
Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Trail Class - Jr.**  
Grand Champion - Wyatt Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

Reserve Grand Champion - Natalie Lane, Tuscola, Country Clovers



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**Trail Class - Sr.**  
Grand Champion - Kaydence Kennedy, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

Reserve Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Jr. Barrels**  
Grand Champion - Wyatt Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Sr. Barrels**  
Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

Reserve Grand Champion - Kaydence Kennedy, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Jr. Poles**  
Grand Champion - Wyatt Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Sr. Poles**  
Grand Champion - Kaydence Kennedy, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

Reserve Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Jr. Flags**  
Grand Champion - Wyatt Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

**Sr. Flags**  
Grand Champion - Julia Hildebrandt, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

Reserve Grand Champion - Kaydence Kennedy, Bethany, Sunny Side Flea Flickers

We would like to thank all the family members, friends and neighbors who helped us through a difficult weekend as Jim was laid to rest.

For those who called, sent cards, flowers, food, paper products, came to the cemetery, came to the house for our memorial service, and have kept us in their prayers, THANK YOU.

A special thanks to Ted Shearer and Mike Zylstra. Words are never adequate to express the heartfelt love we feel for each of you. Please know that each one of you is a very special blessing.

We would like to say an additional thanks to those who stood beside us, provided shoulders to cry on, arms to hold us up, said prayers and in other ways gave the love, support and encouragement that has gotten us through the past few years. We could not have managed without you and those who have now departed to a better place. We hope they will welcome Jim with open arms. Greet him as the special friend he always was and most of all let him know how much he was loved.

The Prosser's  
Connie, Stan & Jill, Steve & Barb & Jamie, Ann & Steve Thurn,  
Justin & Tessa & Family, Stephanie & Daniel Finn & Sons, Chelsea, Jordan, Joshua, Alysia, Caleb & Rachel & Family, Caitlyn & Matt Hummel & Daughters, Alex & Elizabeth Thurn & Family, John Ross & Chaunel Wilcoxon & Family, Niki Wilcoxon & Daughters

# Lake Land College Foundation to host annual Golf Classic at Mattoon Golf & Country Club

The Lake Land College Foundation will host its annual Golf Classic on Friday, September 17 at the Mattoon Golf & Country Club. The golf outing will be played in the popular four-man scramble format with registration and lunch for golfers beginning at 11 a.m., a shotgun start at noon and dinner provided at the end of the day.

Golfers can register as a team of four or individually. Individual players are encouraged to sign up, as all players will be placed on a team. Entries for Friday's outing are limited to the

first 144 golfers.

The entry fee is \$125 per golfer or \$500 per team of four. Lunch, 18-holes, cart, refreshments and dinner are included. Some of this year's prizes include gift cards, pilsner glasses, bag chairs, vacation trips, free rounds of golf, Laker Louie Red Wine and more.

All proceeds assist the Lake Land College Foundation in building relationships that will support and enhance the educational opportunities and services to students through financial support from alumni and friends.

Throughout the last year, the Foundation aided the college with an abundance of useful projects, including the construction of the new Foundation & Alumni Center that opened in Fall 2020.

The outing is made possible by the support of the event's sponsors. Confirmed sponsors at this time are The First National Bank, North American Lighting, Country Financial - Jake Donsbach, CTS Group, Dr. Donald Sandercock, Robbins Schwartz, Grunloh Construction, SC3F Wealth Management, Consolidated

Communications, Pilson's Auto, Debbie & Steve Benefiel, IBEW #146, J&J Ventures, Legacy Roofing & Solar, Rural King and Agracel, Inc.

Teams or individuals can sign up through the Lake Land College Foundation at [lakelandcollege.edu/foundation/golf](http://lakelandcollege.edu/foundation/golf) or by contacting 217-234-5376 or [atucker1563@lakelandcollege.edu](mailto:atucker1563@lakelandcollege.edu). All mail entries should be sent to Lake Land College Foundation, 5001 Lake Land Blvd., Mattoon, IL 61938.