



# JUNE

## FSS Newsletter



### Successful Job Search Tips

**BE POSITIVE:** The job market today is competitive. The reason you cannot find a job may not necessarily be your fault. Every job you get passed over for is one step closer to a job that you will get.

**STAY MOTIVATED:** Make a point of sending out resumes or filling out applications daily because job seeking needs to be practiced, just like playing an instrument.

**EVALUATE SKILLS:** Assess abilities and how you apply them. Figure out your strongest skills, and skills that are lacking or needing improvement. Be honest when evaluating skills and abilities, despite how difficult the task may be.

**IMPROVE RESUME:** Your resume should reflect the best you have to offer, and should clearly communicate who you are and what you can provide to a potential employer. Keywords are an important aspect of a successful resume.

**PRACTICE JOB INTERVIEWS:** Hold pretend interviews with friends or family. Have them ask you questions you expect, as well as throwing you a few curveballs to practice your ability to think on the spot.

**CONTINUE TO LEARN:** Once you know the skills you need to achieve your job search goals, continue to improve and update them. Learn new skills or seek out new experiences that you have never had before. Volunteer work can provide you with opportunities to expand beyond what you already know or have experience with.

*For more; visit*

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/12-tips-successful-job-search-strategies-my-gift-fugazzie-mba>

### Strong Families Celebration

#### Empowering Fathers, Mothers and Children

Join us on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 4-6 pm at 18 Georg Road Community Center in Petersburg for a fun-filled family event! Food, games and handouts will be provided. There will be something for the entire family. We want families to have an fun and educational experience and there is no cost to attend. Hope to see you there!!

#### Reminders

MCHA Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8-4:30

Friday 8-Noon

June 17th—Father's Day

June 21st—Summer Begins

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# University of Illinois Extension



**University of Illinois Extension is the flagship outreach effort of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, offering educational programs to residents of all of Illinois' 102 counties — and far beyond.

Extension provides practical education you can trust to help people, businesses, and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future. U of I Extension offers educational programs in five broad areas:

- Energy and environmental stewardship
- Food safety and security
- Economic development and workforce preparedness

- Family health, financial security, and wellness
- Youth development

While most Extension programs are offered on an informal, non-credit basis, U of I Extension does offer continuing education credits in some fields of study. Extension programs may be offered as hands-on workshops, field days, online self-paced tutorials, or in other formats that are suitable for the audience and subject-matter.

U of I Extension is based in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) and works with all colleges and units of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Visit U of I Extension's website for calendar of events:  
[web.extension.illinois.edu](http://web.extension.illinois.edu)

## Housing Counseling

The Menard County Housing Authority serves as a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency. We offer pre and post purchase counseling, credit and budget assistance, credit reports, mortgage delinquency, renter's assistance, fair housing assistance, Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) counseling, loss mitigation and relocation assistance.

All credit and budgeting services and loss mitigation are free of charge while other services may cost a nominal fee. Please contact Anne Smith OR Teresa Sexton/Pamela Spoor at ext. 130 for assistance.

FSS participants should meet with our Housing Counselor for budgeting as well as the other services listed above as needed.

## Know What to Do in a Water Emergency

If a child is missing, check the water first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability.

- Know how and when to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.
- If you own a home pool or hot tub, have appropriate equipment, such as reaching or throwing equipment, a cell phone, life jackets and a first aid kit.
- Enroll in Red Cross home pool safety, water safety, first aid and CPR/AED courses to learn how to prevent and respond to emergencies.

### water safety tips



Swim in lifeguard-supervised beaches and pools.



Put up barriers around the pool or hot tub.



Always swim with a buddy. Even experienced swimmers can tire or get muscle cramps.



Keep an eye out on children around water. Stay within reach.



Learn proper swimming and safety skills.



Wear a life jacket while boating.



## Menard County Housing Authority Website

Don't forget to utilize our website for useful information:

[www.menardcha.org](http://www.menardcha.org)

Information regarding our properties, applications for housing, how to pay rent online, Section 8, Family Self-Sufficiency, Community Resources, Central Illinois Services, Pre-Purchase Counseling, and Housing Counseling are all included on the website.

Look at the drop-down tabs for detailed information on each of the subjects listed above. The Family Self-Sufficiency page includes all of the monthly newsletters previous and current for 2018. So if you misplace your mailed paper copy, you can access it on our website!

If you have any questions about navigating the website,  
you can call the office at 217-632-7723

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