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Get inside Extension and discover how we support healthy people, healthy environments, and healthy economies. Read about some of the ways ISU Extension meets local needs, improves quality of life, and helps make Osceola County a better place to live. You'll be amazed at what we do.

Kent Rusche
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Open House at Hawkeye Point



Osceola County Extension office moved out to Hawkeye Point and open for business on August 11 with the Open House on August 13. The High Point Committee, Osceola County Supervisors along with the Extension office hosted a free Pork sandwich, chips, cookie and drink for approximately 600 people.



Animal Workshop

In 2008 the Osceola County Council hosted an Animal Workshop in June. They had Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Horse, Beef and Poultry present with presenters on how to show, groom, etc at the Osceola County Fair Grounds.



Beef Grooming Workshop



Sheep Workshop

4-H, AITC & Youth Programs

2007-2008 Osceola County has 8 4-H clubs, 17 4-H Volunteer Leaders and have 129 members enrolled. We also have Clover Buds a.k.a Clover Kids enrolled 40 children between the grades of Kindergarten through 3rd grade.

School Enrichment programs activities through Iowa State University were done in the school from grades Kindergarten through seniors, programs such as Money Craze, Boomerang, High School Financial Planning program, Frogs, Frogs & Frogs, Pioneer Cooking and Learning day, Food and Nutrition, and Food for Flight to name a few.

Ag in the Classroom is a program facilitated by Iowa State University and is sponsored by Farm Bureau of Osceola County. The program is presented over a six weeks period of time. The students learn about agriculture in Iowa including grains, livestock, value-added agriculture and how agriculture affects them in a daily basis. The children enjoy the field trip to a local dairy and out to Willow Creek.



Kindergarten class learning about Frogs, Frogs and Frogs.



We connect you to Iowa State University.

We are your local link to make connections for campus enrollment, continuing education,

campus visits, campus exhibits, conferences, camps, and sporting events.

Osceola County fair was July 15-19, extending our fair by one day; the purpose of this was to have more time for the youth to have more time to show multiple species and to have more time to have fun at the fair.



With the help of Mother Nature the youth could have their Mud Volleyball with ease.

Osceola County Extension Council

Every Iowa County has an elected Extension Council that guides local educational programming by partnering with staff. From needs assessments through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents the issues and people of the county.

*Community Economic Development

*ISU Student Recruitment

*Youth Education

*Environmental Issues

Osceola County Council Members;

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October 2008



Root Clinic

Lyon and Osceola County Extension hosted their sixth annual Root Clinic with Farmers Coop Society Elevator and their branches September 5, 2008. The annual program featured Al Grigg, County Extension Director and Joel De Jong, Extension Agronomist discussing the soil types and soil structure and what can be learned from the soil below the surface. Free water was found at less than six feet of depth in the soil pit. It was also learned that the corn roots stopped at the four foot level and the soybean roots stopped at the three foot level. The corn roots were also showing evidence of compaction in the top six inches of soil, most likely from working the soil while still a little too wet. The corn hybrid planted April 27 was a 104 hybrid and was just beginning to dent on September 5. The soybeans were dark green in color and were not yet filling the top pods.

