



## Mills County Extension

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*Iowa State University Extension in Mills County provides relevant programs that 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 Mills County a better place to live.*

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### Healthy People, Healthy Communities



Mills County Extension promotes healthy communities as an active partner in the Mills County Community Coalition. The coalition organized the first annual “Scoop and Scope” community event for local families. Businesses and organizations provided free family

activities and ice cream for all participants. This was an opportunity for new and long-time residents to socialize, become more connected in the community, and learn about resources available to them in the county.

### Staff Serving Mills County but based in other counties

Pat Anderson, Families

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### Youth Experience Stewardship



Extension partners with Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom to provide educational experiences for youth in Mills County. Through farm visits, outdoor settings and hands-on activities, youth learn about the impact of farming in Iowa, and gain an understanding of their relationship with their surrounding natural environment. These programs introduce youth to the Department of Natural Resources, Conservation Board, Natural Resources and Conservation Service and others who work to promote environmental stewardship.

## Mills County Extension Council

David Anderson, Chair

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

We have identified these local issues as priority topics for current and future programming:

- Outreach to new residents
- Acreage owner education
- Family financial education
- Identify and share resources for elderly and retired populations
- Youth career guidance
- Quality 4-H program
- Increase number of youth reached through 4-H
- Assist new farmers
- Be a resource link for entrepreneurs



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We are your local link to make connections for campus enrollment, continuing education, campus visits, campus exhibits, conferences, camps, and sporting events.

## Iowa State University Extension: ...In sync with Mills County

### Promoting Healthy Economies



Mills County producers and land owners received information to assist them in adding value to their agricultural enterprises. With the changing environment in crop production, and the growing bioeconomy, it is imperative that all parties involved in agriculture utilize current research and resources to plan for the future.

Tim Eggers, ISU Extension Farm Management Specialist, shared information and tools that enable participants to make informed financial decisions about their business operations.

### Partnering to Empower Others



Mills County Extension partners with agencies, organizations and Mills County residents to promote better living. One example is the Women, Land and Legacy program. Local women work with Extension, NRCS, and other partners to plan financial, environmental and business development learning sessions.

Throughout the past year, more than 50 residents have gained knowledge to help them become better entrepreneurs.

### Service Project Commemorates Iowa State University's 150 Years



ISU Extension initiated community service projects in every county to celebrate Iowa State University's 150 years.

In observance of this celebration, ISU and 4-H alumni, along with Mills County Extension staff, designed a permanent sign that was placed west of Glenwood along Highway 34. The 14 foot sign highlights the Mills County Fair, ISU and 4-H.

Dr. Sally Prickett, Director, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, represented ISU at the dedication of the service project on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The project was funded by ISU and 4-H alumni, Mills County Fair Board and Mills County Extension.