

2011 Points of Pride



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Marshall County Extension Council

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:

- Positive Youth Development
- Volatility in Agriculture
- Environmental Regulations
- Farm Estate Planning
- Family Financial Management
- Small Farm & Commercial Horticulture
- Farm Input/Output Management
- Nutrient Management (Agronomy)

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

Angie Nelson
Extension Council Chair

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Healthy People

In July, Jody Gatewood, ISU Extension and Outreach Family Nutrition and Health Specialist, presented two new programs:

Healthy Meals in a Hurry - Seven participants received cookbooks while learning how to blend time-saving convenience with nutritious, dollar-stretching food choices.

Food Preservation – Seven individuals learned various methods of safe food preservation and the latest techniques. Topics covered included canning, freezing and dehydration. Fresh salsa was prepared and sampled. Individuals could also bring in their dial gauge and pressure canner lids and get them tested.

Healthy Environments

The Marshall County Master Gardeners held a plant sale during the Marshalltown Main Street Garden Extravaganza in May. The group also promoted the Fall Master Gardener Training to be held in the fall/winter of 2011.

The Marshall County Master Gardeners also participated in the Albion Farmers Market and made trips to the Newton Arboretum, Dusty Hill Farm near State Center, and Berry Patch Farm near Nevada, in addition to other trainings.



On Monday, July 11 a wind storm called a “derecho” swept through Marshall County causing damage to buildings and crops. On July 19 ISU Extension in Marshall County along with Key Cooperative and Centrol of Iowa held a Crop Damage Meeting. Areas of focus included: agronomic considerations for storm damaged crops and future management decisions, potential for corn diseases and fungicide options, crop disaster and crop insurance programs, and fall crop storage.



A follow-up tree damage workshop was held in September to help area residents care for damaged trees and/or choose replacement species.



Healthy Economies

Marshall County offered its annual Farmland Leasing meeting in August. Nearly 30 farmers and landowners were provided information on current land values and cash rental surveys, as well as information on the impacts of yields and prices.

Reach Out Iowa

Thanks to a grant from Reach Out Iowa and volunteers the Albion Ables 4-H Club moved a flag pole from the community center at the north end of Albion to the city park.

The flag pole is now flying the American flag and the POW/MIA flag. The pole will be rededicated later in honor of Albion school alumni, Albion community volunteers, and military families.



Fishing Derby

The Marshelltown Evening Optimist Club and ISU Extension and Outreach in Marshall County teamed up to hold the annual fishing derby at Sand Lake for area youth. More than 115 youth attended along with approximately 60 adults.

The event included free fishing poles and tackle for participants and awards.



America's Farmers Grow Communities

The Central Iowa 4-H Club from State Center was awarded a \$2,500 grant from Monsanto.



America's Farmers Grow Communities is a program that gives farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organization.

Jay Klemme of rural State Center won the Marshall County grant and chose the 4-H club he participated with to receive the grant.

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Front Row: Craig Moon, Gene Hoover, Reed Riskedahl, David Halverson. Back Row: Mary Giese, Christy Hibbs, Angie Nelson, Brenda Mosher. Not Pictured: Joyce Thomas

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