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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 Shelby County a better place to live. You'll be amazed at what we do.*

Tim Meyer

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### Farm Safety Day

One of the purposes of the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day™ is to teach participants to stay safe around farm sites, farm equipment, and farm animals.

Throughout the day participants interact with safety experts in their respective fields.



ISU Extension in Shelby County partnered with the Myrtue Medical Center's Occupational Health Outreach Department to offer this fun, informative and hands-on day for any 8 to 13 year old who spends time on a farm. Instruction and demonstrations on tractor safety, disability awareness, chemical safety and many other topics were offered. ISU Extension Ag Engineer Shawn

Shouse, Shelby County Ag & Hort Program Assistant, Kent Ganzer, and members of the Shelby County 4-H Council all played key roles in the success of the day.

### County Conservation Day

Shelby County Conservation Day provides all sixth grade students in the Harlan Community, Elk Horn-Kimballton, IKM and Shelby County Catholic School Systems an opportunity for hands-on instruction by conservation experts. Conservation Day is held annually at Prairie Rose State Park.





L to R: Tim Meyer, Chair, Ron Rosmann, Bill Buman, Suzanne Goshorn, Shawn McLaughlin, Jo Kenkel, Jann Reinig and Jake Schechinger. Not pictured: Mat Freund

## Shelby 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:

- Financial Literacy
- Quality Childcare
- Leadership Development
- Community Economic Development
- Land Use and Planning
- Planning and Visioning
- Water Quality/Nutrient Management
- Consumer Horticulture



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## County Conservation Day continued...

ISU Extension Shelby County partnered with the Shelby County Soil and Water Conservation District and NRCS to offer water quality information through a groundwater model demonstration. The groundwater model demonstration introduced many new conservation terms related to groundwater. Shelby County Ag and Hort Program Assistant, Kent Ganzer, and County Extension Education Director, Terry Torneten, led the demonstration. Students saw how pollutants travel through soil to infiltrate groundwater supplies, thus impacting well water.

## Retiring and Beginning Farmer Workshop

Planning for a career or retirement involves thinking about where and how you want to live and the income necessary to live in that manner. Farm families not only need to consider where and how they want to live but they also must make plans for the farm business. Succession decisions require careful thought and discussion. This workshop, facilitated by David Baker, Farm Transition Specialist with the Beginning Farmer Center at Iowa State University, helped families to picture their future, recognize opportunities, make decisions and plan for retirement.



The workshop concentrated on tools developed and available through the Beginning Farmer Center that assist beginning farmers and retiring farmers alike. The Beginning Farmer

Center is a part of Iowa State University Extension and was created by the Iowa Legislature specifically to "assist in facilitating the transition of farming operations from established farmers to beginning farmers."

## Annie's Project

Annie's Project is a risk management education program aimed toward farm women. Topics covered in the six week program were: personality types, farm programs, financial management and financial documents, communication, marketing, farm taxes, property titles and estate planning and insurance coverage. Nine participants enjoyed exceptional camaraderie as they learned from local speakers with a great deal of knowledge in their respective fields.



Annie's Project offered each participant an opportunity to network and ask questions of local experts as well as Iowa State University Farm Management Field Specialist Tim Eggers who helped guide each session. The Annie's Project mission is to empower farm women to be better business partners through networks and by managing and organizing critical information. While we may not observe immediate changes because of this program, the long-term goal is to see better financial management by both the husbands and wives involved in farming.