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

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Book Bags Offered to NEST Families

Wayne County Extension offers nutrition themed children's book bags that can be checked out by NEST families. Each bag includes a book, activity, and a physical activity suggestion. These book bags encourage parents to read & discuss the books with their children and to



introduce them to food & physical activity topics. 117 bags were checked out this year to the 40 NEST families and 90 children that are enrolled in the program.

Wayne County Extension feels that when parents read with their children

that the children are exposed to sounds and rhythm of languages that helps place value on literacy, foster vocabulary growth and introduce the children to nutrition and wellness related topics.

Impact of Grazing Near Streams

Thirteen cooperating farms in the Rathbun watershed participated in a research project evaluating the effects of cattle grazing near streams. GPS collars were placed on the cattle to determine their location



and grazing behavior. The effects of pasture characteristics and climate grazing management on stream



Brentt Snow, Joyce Brown, Connie Young, Cindy Shelley, and Tim Prunty. Not pictured are Carmela Murphy, Clair Dyer, Robert Gunzenhauser, and Dan Carpenter.

Wayne 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:

- Family Financial Well-Being
- Growing Strong Families
- Nutrition & Physical Activity for Wellness
- Positive Youth Development
- Improving Cow Herd Efficiency
- Use of Co-products in Beef Rations
- Protecting Water Quality



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Impact of Grazing Near Streams

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bank erosion and stream pathogen loading were evaluated. Grazing records were maintained by the cooperating producers. Results of this study are shared with producers and agri-business professionals during the McNay farm field days and other events.

This project was funded by USDA-CSREES grants, in cooperation with Iowa State University researchers and local partners, including Rathbun Land and Water Alliance and Lucas and Wayne County Extension.

Tax Preparation for Wayne County Families

The volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) provided free income tax preparation assistance during 2008 for Wayne County families with income below \$40,000. 115 local families used this free service. Participating Wayne County residents received \$49,723 in earned income tax refunds, \$83,725 in federal income tax refund, and \$8,687 in state income tax refunds. In addition, 44 tax returns were completed for individuals who normally would not need to file, in order for them to receive the Economic Stimulus Payment.



The Wayne County VITA program was sponsored by Welcome We Help, Inc., a project of Corydon Horizons and the Wayne County Extension Service. Two community volunteers worked during the tax

filing season to complete returns. They contributed over 500 hours of volunteer time. Iowa State University Extension Family Resource Management Field Specialist provided technical assistance and ensured the IRS guidelines were met by the program.

Welcome We Help, Inc. plans to have a new location for the Wayne County VITA site during the upcoming tax preparation season. Their volunteers will schedule appointments and arrange for satellite work days in other locations in Wayne County.

SHINE Youth Pod

SHINE was established in 2005 as a group of youth from the Seymour and Wayne community Schools worked to "Improve Wayne County by providing a variety of quality recreational and educational opportunities to students: preschool-grade 12." ISU Extension partnered with the school districts in organizing and maintaining the group. Clarke Electric and Wayne County Foundation provided matching funds to help SHINE reach their fund raising and philanthropy goals.



SHINE members utilize the money they raise to fund grants related to their mission. In 2008, grants totaling \$2325 were awarded for classroom supplies, library resources, playground and recreational improvements. As a way of giving their time and talents to the community, members select and carry out service projects each year.