

2011 Points of Pride



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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:

- Create New Jobs
- Health Programs
- Personal Finance
- Leadership

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In Wright County, it starts with Extension. Together we support healthy people, environments, and economies. Read about some of the ways ISU Extension meets local needs, improves quality of life, and helps make Wright County a better place to live. You'll be amazed at what we do.

Kevin Moss
Extension Council Chair

Home Food Preservation Workshop



On July 21, 2011 we conducted a workshop to test dial gauges for pressure canners. This workshop helped individuals understand how to safely preserve food and also served as a refresher for those who have experience preserving food. Since 2006, there have been new canning recommendations that everyone should be aware of when canning at home. The participants for this workshop received current Iowa

State University Extension and Outreach food preservation publications and learned about a new program, Preserve the Taste of Summer.

Dry Manure & Private Pesticide



Each year Wright County Extension trains farmers, agribusinesses and other growers in managing and applying pesticides and animal waste. In 2009-2010 249 individuals and 88 applicators were trained in

using pesticides and animal waste. The training focuses on safety to operators and maintaining or improving soil, water and air quality.

Healthy Economies



This fall the Webster County Extension Office held a Planning to Stay Ahead workshop to meet the debtor education requirement of the Bankruptcy Code. The workshop was led by Barb Wollan, ISU Extension Family Finance Specialist. The topics that the course went over were budget development, money management tips, wise use of credit, and consumer information. This course was a two-hour session that featured videos, short exercises, and ways to apply sound money management practices. We also offered an online option.

Youth Ag Day



May 2011 was the sixteenth year for the Youth Environmental Agriculture

Days program. The program was developed by and continues to be sponsored by Iowa State University Extension-Region 7 (Hamilton, Humboldt, Webster, and Wright Counties) in north central Iowa. More than 850 fifth-grade students and approximately 100 adults, including teachers, were in attendance during the seven days of the 2011 program. Fifth graders in sixteen public and private school systems in the four counties participated.

The 2011 program was held for seven days at the Wright County Fairgrounds in Eagle Grove, a central location for the four counties involved. The planning team for the program consisted of the regional director, county youth coordinators from each of the four counties and the regional youth program specialists.

Youth Environmental Agriculture Days help youth develop an understanding of the impact of agriculture upon the environment, their everyday lives, and health and safety. Youth Environmental Agriculture Days provide youth opportunities to: experience the biotechnology side of agriculture, understand by-products, appreciate the importance of value added agriculture to Iowa's economy and job market, become aware of agriculture-related careers available in Iowa, learn about Iowa's natural resources, and practice sun safety.

Leadership Succession Workshop



A two-part workshop on Leadership Succession was held March 17th & 31st, 2011 in Eagle Grove. The first session focused on how to coach newer leaders in your organization to give them the feedback they need to be successful leaders. The second session will equip participants to intentionally plan for leadership succession by identifying and developing new leaders. Dr. Kim Heller of Clarion led these workshops. Kim has degrees from Iowa State University and the University of Georgia.

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