



For the Citizens of Clayton County

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Iowa State University Extension delivers educational opportunities that make life better, healthier, safer, and more profitable for individuals and communities. Here are a few examples of the many ways ISU Extension in Clayton County delivers to citizens.

Jim Hosch Retires On September 24th over 300 people helped Jim celebrate his retirement at the Keystone Restaurant in Elkader. The afternoon was spent with gifts given, a proclamation, food & drink and 43 years worth of memories being told. Hosch began his career with ISU/Clayton County Extension on June 11, 1963, and retired on October 2, 2006.

Clayton Co. 4-H'ers Win State Dairy Judging Contest The senior dairy judging team consisting of Baili Kerns, Edgewood; Jordan Landsgard, Postville; Mat Henkes, Luana; and Lucas Klosterman, West Union; won the state 4-H dairy judging contest held August 9 at the Iowa State Fair. The team placed third in Reasons, first in the Ayrshire class, first in Jerseys, second in Guernsey class and fifth in Holsteins. The Clayton Co. dairy judging teams are coached by Trent & Leslie Henkes, Luana; Larry Landsgard, St. Olaf; Mark Fisher, Edgewood; and Brian Harbaugh, Postville.

Winter Beach Party Fun for K-3rd Graders 94 youth visited beach themed stations through the fun filled afternoon. While the children visited "Paradise" they made leis necklaces. At the "Sandy Beach" the youth created sand art pictures. After listening to a short story the children dug for buried treasure on "Treasure Island". At the "Catchers Cove" everyone made a fish mobile. On "Lava Island" the youth learned about volcanoes. The "Port of Adventure" was a huge hit with games, beach balls, and hula hoops. Everyone enjoyed an ice cream sundae, cookies and lemonade at the "snack hut". The event was organized by the Clayton Co. Extension Service and area Clover Kids leaders.

Summer Day Camps Summer day camps help build interest in science and promote the science skills of observing, comparing, communicating and applying. 24 youth in grades K-1 attended a camp Art Explosion where they learned about color, texture, space, form and more. 23 youth in grades 2-3 attended Fizz, Bubble and Goo Day camp. Observing how substances react. An additional 39 youth participated in Rocketry Camp and Mystery Camp.



Clayton Co. Extension teamed up with Bob Hauer, Consumer Horticulture Program Asst. to host a container garden workshop for youth and adults. The workshop included a short presentation on container gardening plus each participant created their own container flower garden.



LEAP Participants—Jens Olsen, Brody Suddendorf, Kayla Koether, Casey Bachman, Chelsea Sloan, Morgan Sharp, Advisor Mr. Recker, Kristen Brainard, Bryant Nelson, Claire Ehlers, and Emily Blitz.



The Clayton Co. Extension Service has been involved with Safety Day since 1992. The objective of this event is to increase public awareness and to prevent and educate youth about household and farm health hazards and injuries.

Clayton County Extension delivers

In Clayton County, Iowa State University Extension delivers research-based educational opportunities to manufacturers, families, youth, agribusinesses, and communities to advance Iowa's economy in the following ways:

Women in Agriculture Gather Together As in most Iowa counties, the percentage of women landowners is 50 percent. Clayton County's ISU Extension partnered with Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D), Farm Bureau, and several women landowners to create an education workshop to address issues affecting the growing number of women agricultural decision makers. 56 women attended the workshop on estate planning.

Students Take The LEAP Ten MFL MarMac high school students took the big LEAP through the Leadership Education Action Program facilitated by Iowa State University Extension. Youth were engaged in multiple 4-H Challenge initiatives that involved a portable adventure course aimed to help youth work together to solve problems. The course is a powerful tool for helping people look critically at how their actions and choices can affect others and the group outcome. Student leaders also completed a personality assessment that helped them gain an understanding of how to cultivate relationships and work teams.

On-Farm Trial Exposes Growing Problem During the last 3 years Brian Lang, ISU Crops Specialist in northeast Iowa conducted 15 on-farm trials to expose a growing problem, the solution of which could reap alfalfa producers an additional net profit of about \$5 million dollars a year. Regulated pollution control measures over the last 3 decades reduced atmospheric sulfur contributions to soils in northeast Iowa to the point that current sulfur nutrient levels in many of these soils are deficient for alfalfa production. Field trials have confirmed that sulfur fertilization to these soils increased alfalfa yields up to 300%. Extension programs have been and will continue to educate the agricultural sector about this production practice.

Safety Day Held for Area 4th Graders 259 fourth grade students from Elkader Central, MFL MarMac, Clayton Ridge, Ed-Co, Valley and Postville schools attended the day long 2006 Safety Day. Sessions included Fire Safety-Clermont Fire Dept.; Sun Safety-Barb Sauser, ISU; Internet Safety-Lois Wood, Keystone A.E.A.; Tobacco Awareness-Merry French, Clayton Co. Substance Abuse; Animal Safety-Dr. Ken Reimer, Melissa Lenth, Bill Welsh, Darcy Fish & Stan Marovets; Lawn Mower Safety-Jeff Dare, NECAS; Electrical Safety-Gary Passmore & John Molumby, REC; Farm Safety for Kids-Lyn Berg, FSA; Propane Gas Safety-Three Rivers FS; Bicycle Safety-Sara Kelly, Visiting Nurses Assn.; "He Said, She Said"-Jackie Moser, Family Resource Center; Food Safety-Theresa Eberhardt; and PTO Safety-Kevin Welsh, Bodensteiner Implement.

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