



## Clayton County Extension

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*Iowa State University Extension in Clayton County provides relevant programs that 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 Clayton County a better place to live.*

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### Food and Fitness is helping make a healthy Clayton County



Food & Fitness is a multi-year national initiative supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation that supports community approaches to create and maintain access to fresh, locally grown healthy food and safe environments for physical activity in order to improve and protect the health status of children. The two-year planning phase is funded by a WK Kellogg Foundation grant. The regional concept ties together similar

needs in five counties and provides potential avenues for future planning and future funding to accomplish the intended mission. County and regional teams meet monthly to discuss potential needs, issues and ideas and to explore possible planning and assessment activities

### Training ensures healthy environments



Clayton County Extension is working to ensure the quality of life by assisting agriculture land and business owners to gain or maintain their certification as pesticide or manure applicators. Certified

applicators are persons or their employees that are certified by the state to apply manure or pesticides in the production of agricultural commodities. In Clayton County 219 persons were certified in 2007 training sessions. The information gained in these programs ensures that the environment in Clayton County remains safe.



**Clayton County Extension Council**

First Row: Jean Whittle, Joyce Schoulte, Richard Thurn. Second: Brenda Plozel, Russell Pate. Third: Teddie Nies, Steve Ruzicka, Kent Franks, Randy Keehner

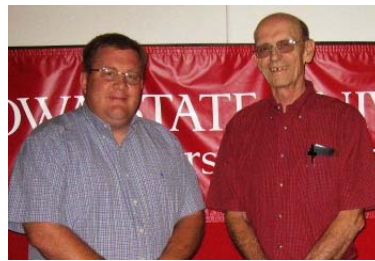
Every Iowa county has an elected Extension Council that guides local educational programming by partnering with staff. From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents the issues and people of the county.

We have identified these local issues as priority topics for current and future programming:

- Promoting healthy lifestyles through the support of the Food and Fitness Coalition
- Promoting horticulture awareness through the implementation of a master gardener program.
- Families and Youth development through after school programming and 4-H opportunities
- Community Development-Northeast Iowa Food and Farm Coalition

**Iowa State University Extension: In sync with Clayton County**

**End of an Era in Clayton County**



After 43 years of service to Iowa State University and the Citizens of Clayton County Jim Hosch retired from Extension this year. It was with great appreciation that the council accepted Jim's resignation. Hired to replace Jim as Director was Dan Lane. Dan began to serve Clayton County as the Director in May of 2007.

**Safety First in Clayton County**



Safety First! is a common phrase we hear and share with family and friends, but all too often we give in to bad habits or quick fixes that can lead to unnecessary injuries or even fatalities. As an effort bring safety to the fore-front of citizen's minds and prevent bad habits from forming Clayton County sponsored it's annual Safety Day for fourth grade students at the Fairgrounds in National Iowa. Through hands-on workshops and demonstrations youth learned valuable life-long lessons on how to avoid dangerous situations both on the farm and at home. ATV, animal dangers, electricity and chemical safety are just some of the topics presented to area school students. Following the Safety Day students return home and share with parents and others what they learned about keeping themselves and loved ones safe. A parent or grandparent hearing from a child that they should put a safety shield back in place or put chemicals up to avoid having someone getting injured or killed is sometimes the most meaningful way to remind adults to think "Safety First".

**Project Commemorates Iowa State University's 150 Years**



ISU Extension initiated community service projects in every county to celebrate Iowa State University's 150 years.

On May 5 Clayton County Extension staff and 4-H Council planted a tree at the fairgrounds in National. In addition to planting a tree honoring Iowa State University, the 4-H County

Council planted additional trees through a Join Hands Day community service project.



**We connect you to Iowa State University.**

We are your local link to make connections for

campus enrollment, continuing education, campus visits, campus exhibits, conferences, camps, and sporting events.