



Lee County Extension

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Iowa State University Extension in Lee 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 Lee County a better place to live.

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Healthy people example



Patty Steiner Nutrition Specialist presented a very successful ISU Extension Program entitled **Eat to Compete** to over 120 student athletes, coaches and parents in Keokuk this past August. The program complimented other local Extension nutrition programs such as Lighten Up Iowa, Farmers Market WIC and Seniors Program, and the many nutrition projects offered through 4-H.

Healthy environments



For the past three years Lee County Extension has cooperated with Alliant Energy and the Iowa Department of Forestry to offer the environmental program, Operation ReLeaf. ReLeaf provides homeowners the opportunity to purchase trees which would normally cost \$100 for \$25. As a result over 1200 trees have been distributed and planted in Lee County. Over 100 volunteers; Extension Council members, 4-H, FFA and Master Gardeners have assisted with the distribution of the trees. Extension staff provided technical information to the homeowner on selecting the right tree for the correct place, how to plant, insect and disease prevention as well as tips on pruning and proper mulching. To evaluate this project it is important to note that two mature trees will produce enough oxygen for a family of four, A well placed tree reduces a home's air conditioning cost by 10-50% and heating by as much as 22%. The result is reduced use of energy, savings to the homeowner and a healthy environment for Lee County Citizens.



Lee County Extension Council

Mary Weisinger, Chair, Rick Tebbs Vice Chair, Ray Tull Treasurer, Judy Walrath Secretary, Patty Koller member, Chris Lindner member, Steve Newberry member, Tina Loges member.

Every Iowa county has an elected Extension Council that guides local educational programming Program results in 2007:

- Field Trials to determine the use of fungicides on corn were conducted.
- Extension co-sponsored 422 persons participated in Lighten Up Keokuk, 1818 pounds lost and activity time of 14,558 hours of activity.
- Extension reached over 900 students through environmental education programs.
- Staff provided education instruction weekly on the radio 1500 minutes.
- Lee County web site receives over 4,000 visits per month.
- Lee County 4-H members volunteered over 2,000 hours.

Iowa State University Extension: In sync with Lee County

Healthy economies example



Vice President to Extension Dr. Jack Payne and Dean of Agriculture Dr. Wendy Wintersteen were the keynote speakers at the Keokuk Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Breakfast; over 80 people attended. The day was dedicated to Agriculture's role in providing energy. While in Keokuk they toured Tri-City Energy, Roquette America Inc. and meet with leaders from the agriculture community, finance, elected officials, and small business owners. Ideas were shared on how ISU could benefit the local economy.

Headline about the example

The Lee County 4-H County Council with assistance from Cathy Holtkamp 4-H and youth Assistant made arrangements for the Iowa State Insect Zoo to come to the Lee County Fair. Over 1,000 children and their families visited with Iowa State students about insect identification their importance and careers in entomology. This was one program which the local Extension Office provided to raise students and parents awareness of educational opportunities at Iowa State University. This past winter students from ISU, College of Agriculture visited the Keokuk High School and spoke about careers in the bio sciences. Arrangements were made for students and their parents to visit the campus. Displays and presentations were made highlighting engineering, food science and the other colleges at the outdoor education days presented to all the 1st graders of Keokuk, 3rd graders of Fort Madison, 6th graders of the Central Lee School system.



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Service 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.

To celebrate locally a tree was provided to each school in Keokuk, to plant on the school grounds. Pictured is Mrs. Berner's first grade class (BR Diane

Berner teacher, Allen Caudill transportation supervisor, Amy Leisenring bus driver and Sharon Kokemuller, Principal. Extension Council Member Judy Walrath and local ISU Alumni assisted with the project. Trees were planted by eight different classes on eight different school grounds.



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We are your local link to make connections for

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