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Regional Extension News

Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Mitchell, Worth

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Regional Director Darts

- Have you ever been frustrated or discouraged after a meeting because the group wasn't effective? Looking for ideas and tools for leading successful groups? **Strengthening Your Facilitation Skills**, a five-part workshop series designed to help you learn how to get work done more effectively and efficiently in group meetings, is being offered by ISU Extension and Outreach in Carroll, Iowa. This free series runs from 10am to 3pm each Friday beginning September 16 through October 14. As we move forward with transformative learning, our facilitation skills will become more and more important. There is real value in this training and we hope you will attend. For more information, or to register, contact Don Broshar at dbroshar@iastate.edu or 515.294.1444 by August 26.
- **Region 3 Staff Changes:**
 - Bev Peters** will retire as Franklin County Coordinator on October 31. No trick here.
 - Eileen Merten's** last day in the Floyd County Extension office will be September 30. Best Wishes!
 - Beth Blumberg** will be the new Office and 4-H Assistant in Floyd County starting September 1. Congratulations to Beth!
 - Kristen Schulte** is the new Farm Management Program Specialist for Northeast Iowa including Mitchell and Floyd Counties. Welcome!
- Farmland Leasing Meetings have been drawing big crowds at the Borlaug Center, in Hampton, Mason City, Waterloo and Osage. Great job by everyone including volunteers setting up, registering and conducting these meetings.
- **Blog with the Vice President**

Cathann Kress has challenged all of us to look at our roles within the ISU Extension organization and reflect on our land grant mission. She talked to the Regional Extension Education Directors about —mission drift. Below is an excerpt from her blog "**See You Out There**" which can be found at: <http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/seeyouthere/>





County Connotations

Mitchell County cooperated with Women Land and Legacy in holding a Feast of Local Foods which drew 35 people who learned about the availability of local foods in the area.

Floyd County is holding lego science programs for a number of youth with the help of a super volunteer. Youth are gaining great knowledge and experience in science.



Franklin as well as all the other counties had some great summer interns this year. Franklin is developing a youth leadership program in three school districts. Youth are applying for the opportunity to learn leadership skills that will be useful in their adult life too.



Worth County 4-H Livestock Judging teams finished in the top three for the summer Iowa 4-H Sanctioned Livestock Judging competition. All three 4-H Share The Fun County 4-H Club winners traveled by bus to the Iowa State Fair and performed on Monday, August 15th during the 5 P.M. show.



The "Worth County Asset Team" (WCAT) also participated in three Worth County parades

September 1st, Region 3 and 9 Field Specialist/County Program Coordinator Meeting, Borlaug Center

September 15th Region 2 and 3 Staff Meeting, MacNider Art Museum, Mason City

November 3-5th, Annual Conference is November 3-5th. The 5th is mainly for Council members. The entire conference is open to Council Members and all Staff. More details soon.

For upcoming events and programs, visit our county web pages:

www.extension.iastate.edu/cerrogordo

www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin

www.extension.iastate.edu/worth

www.extension.iastate.edu/bremer

including "Grafton Turkey Days", "Think Joice Days" and "Fertile Town Parade" distributing youth substance abuse prevention information to those along the parade routes.

Cerro Gordo Master Gardeners organized a bus trip to Minnesota for 53 people who enjoyed learning about all kinds of horticultural topics. They are excited to start planning for next year's trip.



Black Hawk County hosted a Safety Fair. Community professionals provided information on fire, water, sun, food and bike safety. Extension cooperated with Waterloo Fire Rescue, Waterloo Police Department and the Hawkeye Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Bremer County hosts its 136TH Fair. A highlight of any 4-H'ers year is exhibiting their hard work and planning at the county fair. Several hundred Bremer County youngsters did just that.....including this group about to enter the special Parade of Champions, a popular fair highlight.



Provided by Gary Hall, Region 3 Extension Education Director

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