

Regional Extension News Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Mitchell, Worth

Interim for Bremer and Black Hawk

September 2011

Regional Director Darts

- **Annual Conference**—Staff and Council members are invited to attend the ISU Extension and Outreach Annual Conference on Nov. 3-5th in Ames. This year, the conference will take the form of a leadership summit seeking participation and input from all attendees. To encourage participation, IACEC will pay the registration fee for one council member from each member county. In addition, ISU will pay the fee for one county staff person attending. Here is the breakdown for the event:

Nov 2	Professional Section meetings	ISU staff/county staff who are members
Nov 3 and 4	The summit	All staff and councils welcome
Nov 4, late afternoon and morning of Nov 5 th		Special time for council members
Nov 5, AM	Sharing summary of Nov 3-4, best practices etc.	
	Pre-football social and game	



2011 ISU Extension and Outreach Annual Conference

How can we more successfully respond to and prepare for changes in the physical, economic, and social environments relevant to the programs of Iowa State University?

Be there . . . to share your ideas and participate in an active discussion.

Register today at <http://www.ucs.iastate.edu/mnet/advance2011/home.html>!

When:	November 2-5, 2011
Where:	Iowa State University campus
Who:	All county extension council members, all county-paid extension staff, all ISU-paid extension staff and faculty, and all extension retirees
What:	A leadership summit
Why:	Develop an action plan to advance healthy people, environments, and economies
Cost:	*\$50 per person

Be there . . . Share your big ideas . . . Engage in the discussion . . . Work together to advance towards excellence.

**The conference is hosted by ISU Extension and Outreach Administration and the above rates are not reflective of the full conference cost.*

- **Multi-Region Staff Meeting:** Program specialists and county staff from Regions 2 and 3 met at the MacNider Art Museum in Mason City on September 15 to build good working relationships among staff. Through the Real Colors program we discovered how different people function best. Over an extended lunch teams of multiple colors were sent on a photo scavenger hunt and winners were announced after hearing about how social media can be utilized in Extension programming. Check out all the pictures from the event on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Iowa-State-University-Extension-Region-3/102421926503482?sk=wall&filter=1>



- **Regional Extension Council Meeting Held:** Extension Council Members from each county in Region 3 attended the Regional Council Meeting on August 22nd. Program Specialists were on hand to explain various programs and opportunities to Council Members and County Program Coordinators.

During the meeting Council Members evaluated county issues and determined regional issues which included:

- Aging population
- Good paying jobs
- Single parent households
- Keeping up with technology for education
- Declining population of young adults
- Water quality (Arsenic)
- Obesity-youth
- Food insecurity-quality
- Food availability
- Cancer education
- Overall wellness
- Leadership
- Empty businesses
- Poverty
- Credit management

The next steps will be to prioritize and determine how Extension can impact these issues.

➤ **Region 3 Staff Changes:**

Beth Blumberg has resigned from Floyd County Extension.

Cheryl Hemann is the new part time office assistant for Mitchell County Extension. Welcome!



County Connotations



Mitchell County was a busy place with a beef feedlot tour, a farmland leasing meeting taking place on the same day. A severe storm blew down corn and soybeans on September 2. Extension is working with FSA, the media and Program Specialists to assess the damage.

Floyd County is working to provide trees through the ReLeaf Program. Serv Safe is scheduled to begin in Charles City in the near future. A new Office Assistant is also in the near future.

Franklin County is developing a job description for a new Program Coordinator. The first meeting of the new youth leadership program in three school districts was held September 21.

Worth County held a Healthy Living Day on September 10 with three speakers in conjunction with the Founder's Day community event. Readymade crowd to encourage healthy lifestyles.

Cerro Gordo County is hosting the Master Gardener training program for 11 participants. The Clover Kid Program started September 17.

Black Hawk County was super busy with Cattle Congress where they explained 4-H and Extension to those attending.

Bremer County is gearing up for cornstalk nitrate testing after doing extensive water testing for a water quality effort.

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

- www.extension.iastate.edu/floyd
- www.extension.iastate.edu/mitchell
- www.extension.iastate.edu/blackhawk
- www.extension.iastate.edu

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