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Partnerships help Iowa State University Extension create a better future for all Iowans. Together we can improve quality of life in Iowa. Here are a few examples of ISU Extension partnerships at work in Greene County in 2005.

New Greene County Community Foundation was formed in 2005. A recent study by the Community Vitality Center discovered that in excess of \$36 million is transferred via estate settlements each year in this county. Just as Iowa leaders are concerned about “brain drain” of our graduating youth and young adults, an equally alarming issue is the wealth transfer. Endow Iowa legislation gave incentives for timely formation of community foundations. To that end, interested stakeholders from all communities in Greene county came together in 2004 and 2005 to plan, organize, and form a new local community-wide foundation. In partnership with the Iowa philanthropy working partners, your local Extension staff helped support formation of new community foundations throughout Iowa.

Greene Leadership 2005 program was an example of Extension’s ongoing dedication to leadership development of our citizens, conducted in partnership with the Jefferson Area Chamber of Commerce, Greene County Economic Development, and the Board of Supervisors. 36 residents participated in the 7 session program. Upon reflection of the program 3 months after the last class, 88% of respondents reported a positive financial return to their training investment, with 61% estimating a lifetime return of over \$5,000 each. Three participants believed this one program will have a lifetime impact in excess of \$25,000, and another three valued the lifetime benefit over \$100,000.

Personal Financial Management education aimed at strengthening money skills and behaviors is a priority of your elected Extension Council. Money Talks: A Financial Guide for Women; Make the Most of your Money; Financial Security in Later Life; Financial Quiz Bowl for youth are all examples of workshops conducted here this year by Specialist Ruth Freeman.

New Greene County Extension Website is a hit, as evidenced by a 244% increase in “hits” over same time last year. Seventy-four percent of the respondents to a recent survey believed that “the internet to provide information and education to Iowans” is very useful or useful. *Expect even more in 2006!* Go to: www.extension.iastate.edu/greene



Graphic Design studio students from ISU learned about Jefferson this fall, and in turn shared their creativity with Jefferson businesses and organizations in designing new store signage, store fronts and visual identities for consideration.



Club Officer training for 4-Hers is one of the on-going programs we conduct each year. This year, an emphasis was on parliamentary procedure, recognizing that these skills are used throughout our lifetime. Often adults in our community point out that 4-H was where they learned how to properly conduct a meeting.



Congratulations to Pat Griffin of Jefferson, who was elected in 2005 to the state Iowa Association of County Extension Councils.

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The Greene Leadership 2005 Class



Other Programming Highlights in 2005 included:

- Preparing for Soybean Asian Rust
- Estrus Synchronization for Beef Producers
- RUSLE2 and Iowa Phosphorus Index
- Keep Food Safe for Child Care Providers
- New Food Pyramid & Dietary Guidelines
- Market Analysis for Downtown
- Housing Committee infrastructure programming
- How to Be a Better Board Member
- Parenting Together: A year-long parenting series
- Organizing, Financing & Partnering to Provide Best Practices for Fire Departments
- Impact of Couple and Marital Relationships on Parenting and Child Outcomes



Horticulture education continues to be a high-in-demand program area by our residents. Here your local Master Gardener's club hosts their annual winter free training for the public, conducted by Dr. Eldon Everhart.

Master Gardener club members this year, upon request by the community, gave leadership to the courthouse landscaping project. Members actively participated in the Jefferson's streetscape visioning and alley enhancement projects.



Examples of **Out-of-School Youth Education** programs in 2005 included the Dare to Dream—Dreams, Dragons, and Special Things. Youth created and became part of a Chinese Dragon, made dream catchers and learned about their importance to Native Americans, and designed a family shield/crest that represented their family's uniqueness.

Clover Kids first and second graders had the opportunity to participate in money craze activities, learning about where their food comes from, celebrating families and holidays. By the end of the program youth were prepared to recruit their friends and classmates into the Clover Kid Program. "I love Clover Kids! We get to learn, do 4-H projects, read stories, and have FUN!" – an excited youth wrote on his evaluation.

Growing in the Garden program was used on a no-school day doing hands on activities and interactive lessons to learn about where their food comes and how soil is created. They spent the day exploring different types of soil, erosion, how food gets from a farmers field to their home, and even how to make their own ice cream.

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