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

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Individuals with new skills add to community assets



This year, residents from two Greene county communities participated in the Horizons program. Grand Junction and Scranton were both eligible for this comprehensive program aimed at building community capacity to reduce poverty. A total of 100 people participated in five sessions of poverty study circles and/or the nine-session Leadership Plenty. The skills

gained can be utilized in many aspects of their lives. The towns also used these skills collectively by conducting community projects important to the local residents. One example of action taken was the organization of a large and a very successful Grand Junction community-wide clean-up.

Additional community development work this past year includes helping Jefferson leaders understand the residents' concerns with water and sewer issues, recreation center satisfaction assessment, housing committee, business connections program, election poll workers' training, planned giving & ethics seminar, building contractors roundtable and the continued support of the Greene County Community Foundation (GCCF).

Council takes lead in bioeconomy discussions

Agriculture continues to change in part as the industry moves from Food and Fiber thinking to adding Fuel to the mix. The Greene County Extension council decided early in the year to emphasize a relatively new concept called the bioeconomy. Seven different bioeconomy-related presentations were held in the county, introducing local leader groups to the possibilities and issues of this growing sector. These educational sessions led community leaders to commission an innovative research study.



Greene County Extension Council

Front row, left to right: Misty Bettey; Wendy Mount; Holly Stauffer, Secretary.

Back row: Pat Griffin, Treasurer Pro Tem and Director on Iowa Association of Extension Councils; David Higgins; Kraig Tweed, Chair; Pam Olerich, Vice Chair; John Bossard, Treasurer.

Every Iowa county has an elected Extension Council that guides local educational programming by partnering with staff. **The Greene County Agricultural Extension District goal is to foster positive change in the lives of Greene County citizens.**

We believe in providing visionary, educational leadership for:

Human Development – in all stages of life – infant, children, youth, adults, elderly and their families.

Community Development – in processes and organizations for the public good.

Business Development – in supporting Greene County enterprises and industries of all types and sizes, as well as new ventures, in their various formats -- private, cooperative, corporate or non-profit.



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.

Iowa State University Extension: In sync with Greene County

Youth are building relevant human development skills



“Go get a grant!” How many times do we hear this these days? One way to understand grants is to participate in scoring and awarding grants. GCCF youth directors for the first time this year were trained in the process, and were given the responsibility to decide the best grant application. These analytical and decision making skills can be applied in other life pursuits.

Other examples of youth development conducted this past year include the comprehensive 4-H program, new Clover Buds program, babysitting class, after school workshops, early-out days activities, and the financial quiz bowl.

Twenty-three local adults participated this year in the Families Together parenting series, an 8-session series aimed at strengthening parenting skills and ultimately youth development.

Extension delivers education on current business issues



The farm economy was on many people’s mind this year, and pleasantly so, because of good grain prices, good yields, and positive income outlook. Frequently asked questions include ‘What is current farmland rent?’ to ‘What can I afford to pay?’ to ‘How can I be fair?’

Farm leasing workshops were well-attended, as shown. ISU Extension met the challenge of increased demand for this and other current issues by offering web access to presentations on timely topics called “Ag Hot Topics.”

Master Gardener class teaches science-based horticulture



The popular Master Gardener training class was offered again this year. Here Dr. Cynthia Haynes, Horticulture professor from ISU Extension, explains fine details of root growth in re-potting house plants. Class member Shawneene Keenan looks on.

The group below graduated from the training as Master Gardener interns. They are now planning and carrying out community service projects in the county. Interns are asked to provide 40 hours of horticulture-related community service to earn the Master Gardener title. Watch for their horticulture projects around Greene County.

