



For the Citizens of Cedar County 2004

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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 Cedar County.

Summer Discovery Program Reaches over 200 Youth A new youth program was implemented this past summer in the communities of Bennett, Lowden, Stanwood, Mechanicsville, and Clarence. Deb Storjohann of Bennett provided a series of hands-on activities including a snack and game. In Tipton, an evening family activity was held in conjunction with the Tipton Public Library. During each session, youth learned about the "magic" of science. Plans are to expand the program during the coming summer.

Master Gardeners Plant Garden at Historic Jail As a part of the restoration of the historic Cedar County Jail, two Cedar County Master Gardeners volunteered their expertise by adding plants that were common to the late 1800's. On the jail property, Al and Judy Papesh have added plants like yarrow, geranium, chrysanthemums and peonies to complement the restoration project.

Quality Child Care Initiative Through a partnership with the Cedar County Empowerment Board, child care centers and providers in Cedar County are improving their ability to provide quality child care. During the past two years, nine child care centers have been observed by ISU Extension Specialist Wendy Peterson. Following the observation, Peterson provided each center with a report and helped them develop a plan to improve their care. A one-year follow-up assessment is also provided.

Also, a lending library of educational toys, games and learning activities is available to any Cedar County child care provider by contacting the Extension office. Both projects would not have been possible without the financial support of the Empowerment Board.





Woodland owners listen as Dick Baker describes his management practices on a prairie that he has established.



4-H and FFA Sheep Exhibitors at the Cedar County Fair.

Cedar County Extension Council

- *Linda Jacobsen, Tipton, Chair
- Mary Ann Mente, Tipton, Vice-Chair
- *Rhoda Barnhart, West Branch, Secretary
- *Karen Stueland, Tipton, Treasurer

- Tim Dolan, Tipton
- Jean Driscoll, Mechanicsville
- **Gary Eichhorn, Tipton
- Molly Pelzer, Tipton
- Devin Schroeder, Clarence
- ***Mike Boyle, Tipton

Results of Nov. 2, Ext. Council elections

- * Re-elected to four year term
 - ** Completes current term on Dec 31, 2004
 - *** Elected to four year term
- All other Council members have two years remaining in their current term.

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4-H Clubs Provide Experiences For All Youth Through participation in 13 4-H Community Clubs, local youth practice leadership and citizenship skills, while learning about a variety of projects including livestock, woodworking, visual arts, clothing, and food and nutrition. More than 250 youth participate in the Cedar County 4-H Program. The annual Cedar County Fair, celebrates and recognizes the year long accomplishments of these youth, which are led by more than 30 adult volunteers.



Woodland Owners Field Day In partnership with the Cedar County Natural Resources and Conservation Service, more than 60 woodland owners, spent an October afternoon learning about control of Garlic Mustard, native prairie, timber stand management, and other topics of interest to woodland owners. Presenters from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, ISU Extension Foresters and local Conservation Boards, used Dick Baker's property near Rochester as a hands-on classroom.

Families First Supports Extension Programs Families First of Cedar County provides local social service providers with a coordinated effort to improve the lives of families throughout Cedar County. A parent education program in the North Cedar Schools was undertaken during this past year. Residents also had a chance to learn about how bullying impacts youth, families and communities during two satellite programs offered locally.

Web Site Provides Current Information Accessible 24 hours a day, ISU Extension strives to provide timely information at your fingertips. During the November elections, Extension staff assisted the County Auditor in providing the media and public with election results as they became available.

Voters Approve Extension Referendum On November 2, Cedar County voters indicated their continued interest in allowing ISU Extension to provide important educational programs and services to local residents. The Cedar County Extension Council, a group of nine locally elected officials, (see names in the column to the left) decides if an increase in the Agricultural Extension District Tax Levy is needed to expand and enhance programs of interest to Cedar County residents.

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