



## For the Citizens of Cedar County



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In 1903 a group of Iowa farmers cooperated with Iowa State to establish the "extension idea" – taking the land-grant college to the people. Today Iowa State University Extension looks forward to being part of a better future for all Iowans in the next 100 years. Here are a few examples of ISU Extension at work in Cedar County.

**Child Care Lending Library** – Through funding provided by the Cedar County Empowerment Board, child care providers have access to educational resources they can use in their day care settings. Available at no cost, to both in-home providers and day care/preschool centers, the materials are available for check-out from the Cedar County Extension office.

**Quality Child Care Initiative offered** - Six day care centers completed an intensive assessment to improve their services through the Quality Child Care Initiative. The assessments were conducted by Wendy Peterson, ISU Extension Family Life Specialist and funded by the Cedar County Empowerment Board.

**Four County Junior 4-H Camp** - Eight Cedar County 4-H members and five teen counselors participated in a three-day camp in early June at the state 4-H and Natural Resources Education Center in central Iowa. Living in cabins with more than 90 other 4-H members from Jones, Linn and Johnson Counties, they experienced the wonders of nature while making new friends through crafts, campfires, hikes, canoeing, swimming, and recreation activities.

**Crop and Livestock producers receive assistance** – Through the expertise of Extension Field Specialists, more than 400 Cedar County producers were kept current with the best management practices through Pesticide Applicator Training, Manure Management certification and individual consultations. Office staff continue to assist the Cedar County Pork Producers, Cedar County Cattlemen and Cedar County Corn and Soybean Association with their activities.



Master Gardeners coordinate community service projects, such as the planting at the entrance to the Cedar County Fairgrounds.



Conference judging of 4-H exhibits allows 4-H member so share what they have learned with a judge.



Cedar County Extension Council members (left to right): front row - Rhoda Barnhart (secretary), Mary Ann Mente (vice-chair), Linda Jacobsen (chair), Karen Stueland (treasurer). back row - Jean Driscoll, Tim Dolan, Gary Eichhorn, Devin Schroeder, and Molly Pelzer.

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## Cedar County Extension brings Iowa State University to you

Iowa State University Extension serves Iowans through six program areas: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Business and Industry; Communities; Families; 4-H Youth Development; and Continuing Education. Cedar County Extension brings the university to you.

**County 4-H Youth Council provides leadership experiences** – Under the guidance of Linda Jacobson, Kevin Licht and Joyce Coppess, twelve 4-H teens provide leadership to year-round activities for 4-H members. During 2003, the County Council members offered a winter lock-in at Tipton High School, conducted a basketball tourney, helped with new member orientation, sponsored a dance and were Assistant Superintendents during the Cedar County Fair. In recognition of their hard work, they traveled to Wisconsin Dells for a weekend of fun.

**4-H is available to all youth** - Youth from throughout the county participate in various ways in 4-H programs. 237 youth in grades 4 through 12 belong to 12 community 4-H clubs. A Clover Kids group, for kindergarten through third graders is active in Bennett. The Cedar County Fair is the culmination of the year-long efforts of 4-H members, their parent and volunteer leaders. During the County Fair in mid-July youth exhibit and demonstrate what they have learned through their projects.

**North Cedar families strengthen relationships** – A series of six sessions for families in the North Cedar School District helped ten families improve their communication skills through “Active Parenting Today.” Led by Joan Donovan, the project developed positive strategies for discipline and was sponsored by the Cedar County Families First Coalition.

**Shared County Director arrangement began May 1** – With the retirement of Jerry Long in January 2003, the Cedar County Extension Council entered into discussions with the Muscatine County Extension Council about a shared County Extension Education Director (CEED) arrangement. After several months of discussion and with the agreement of Bob Owen, Muscatine County Extension Education Director, a three-year sharing arrangement began May 1, 2003. Since 1994 Owen has been the Muscatine CEED. The two county programs continue to operate independent of each other. A benefit of the agreement has been an increase in funds available for use within each County. As a result, in Cedar County a new part-time Office Assistant position was created. Adrienne Driscoll was hired to fill the position.

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