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Get inside Extension and discover how we 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 Story County a better place to live. You'll be amazed at what we do!

Paul Teig

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Healthy People

Fifteen volunteer food pantries from throughout Story County started a collaboration to better serve people in need of food. With leadership from ISU Extension and United Way of Story County, the pantries have met quarterly to share and determine ways they can better work together.



One outcome of the collaboration is a proposal to collectively order food for all Story County food pantries from the Food Bank of Iowa at a greatly reduced cost. Other health related Extension programs include the Family Nutrition Program, Lighten-Up Iowa, Better Kid Care, and Tools for Care Givers.

Healthy Environments

Wind energy development in Story County is generating electricity and an interest in wind energy. Iowans - rural and urban land owners, city, county, and school officials, agribusiness professionals, and contractors, all want facts about wind as a source of energy and wind turbines as an investment. They were the people that attended the Wind Energy Conference sponsored by Story County Extension. A panel made up of wind turbine early adopters and utility company representatives answered questions.





Front Row (L-R): Mary Ann Gardner, Denise Carlson, Cathy Miller, Doug Sampson
 Second Row (L-R): Jean Saveraid, Pam Niemeyer, Robert Finch, Paul Teig, (not pictured: Bob Nervig)

Story County Extension Council

Every Iowa County has an elected Extension Council that guides local educational programming by partnering with staff. From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents the issues and people of the county.

We have identified these local issues as priority topics for current and future programming:

- Provide safe, positive, enriching environments for youth both urban and rural
- Build strong families through nutrition training & afterschool programs
- Focus on acreage owners and their need for information on transitioning to country life
- Work with local farmers and ag business to meet licensing and certification requirements for both livestock and value added crops
- Partner with local human service agencies to provide training for nonprofits
- Assist with educational efforts regarding the bio-economy and the opportunities for farmers and local economic development

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[Healthy Environments continued]

Extension Ag Engineering Field Specialist, Kapil Arora, facilitated the discussion by participants who came for information to help them make good investment decisions, better understand applications of wind energy in their personal operations, and understand local opportunities in the wind energy industry.

Healthy Economies

The wet spring of 2008 resulted in many challenges for Story County farmers. Story County Extension held a meeting to address the topics of: flooded fields, delayed planting options, potential nitrogen losses, and crop insurance considerations. The program was co-sponsored by the Story County Farm Bureau. ISU Extension Crops Field Specialist, John Holmes, led a discussion on evaluating the damage already done and what options, such as replanting drowned out areas or side-dressing ammonia to replaced lost nitrogen, were still available. Kelvin Leibold,



Extension Farm Management Field Specialist, provided an overview of crop insurance products and the economics of a replanting decision. Crop insurance representatives were also on hand to address specific questions on what costs would be covered by such insurance. Other agriculture related meetings this past year included: Crop Advantage, which provided a marketing outlook for agriculture business

professionals, Farm Land Leasing meetings at which current trends in rental rates were discussed, and Pesticide Applicator certification training for farmers.

Veishea Parade features 4-H

The Extension 4-H Youth Program is having a positive impact on young adults in Story County. This year's Veishea Parade included a float to highlight the importance of the role 4-H has in preparing youth to be Iowa's future leaders.



Youth Involved in 4-H fulfill their basic needs for belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. The skills they learn from hands-on, non-formal education in 4-H Clubs (4th - 12th grades) and Clover Kids (K - 3rd grades) can be applied throughout their entire lives. Those skills will benefit them, their families, their communities, and their world.



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