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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 Davis County a better place to live. You'll be amazed at what we do.

Craig Amstutz
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NUTRITION EDUCATION

Barbara Anderson, Health and Nutrition Specialist and Brenda Spurgeon, Youth Program Specialist presented information on the Food Pyramid to twenty 3rd grade students. Each student was given a food replica and then asked to place it into one of the groups from the Food Pyramid. The students were also given samples of foods from each of the food groups. Samples included crackers, fresh spinach, hard boiled eggs, raisins, and cheese.



DAVIS COUNTY YOUTH

Davis County Youth took part in 4-H Youth Development programs through ten 4-H Community Clubs, Fishing Club, 2 Clover Kids Clubs, Scrapbooking Club, 4-H Overnight, New Member Night, School Enrichment, Communications Meeting, and other Special Events. Babysitting Clinics held this year helped prepare youth for babysitting. Youth learned about the ages and stages of children and the proper procedures for emergencies. Speakers included: the Bloomfield Fire Chief, a Police Officer, a mother with her toddler, a mother and infant, and Extension Council member Michelle Hartzler-Combs discussed her expectations as an employer.



Extension Council Members are: Joyce Sampson, Beverly Guinn, Barbara McClure, Debra Jarr, Craig Amstutz, Clete Swackhamer CEED, Michelle Hartzler-Combs, Derick Derby. Not pictured: Danna Cook and Louetta Proctor.

DAVIS 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:

- Estate Planning & Living Wills
- Insurance Issues
- Identity Theft
- Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate
- Growing Grapes
- Getting Organized
- Landscaping
- Gourds & More



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EXTENSION ASSISTS LOCAL PRODUCERS

Extension in Davis County has successfully provided assistance to many growers of local food and other locally grown products. Many products are marketed annually at the Southern Iowa Produce Auction south of Drakesville including fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, hay, straw, firewood, wood posts, and many other products. The auction has hundreds of registered producers that contribute product up to twice a week throughout the year. Davis County Extension has a library of production resources that it makes available at the auction. Extension staff has had a resource booth at the auction where many producers get a chance to diagnose and correct their production problems to improve their bottom line. This presence at the auction has helped to develop relationships that have identified topics for workshops and continued grower support.



Amish buggies "parked" during a meeting at the Davis County Extension Office.

INCREASE IN FUNGUS

Due to the wet summer the Davis County Extension Office received an increase in calls from homeowners on a huge array of fungal problems. This stemmed from leaves being wet for an extended period of time causing problems ranging from diseased tomatoes (pictured below) to the maple trees in back yards.



HAY DRILLING

The wet summer created yet another problem with hay fields not being harvested in a timely manner. The livestock owners are now having the harvested hay tested for protein and energy content. This testing allows the livestock producers to come up with the appropriate rations by using the Brands Beef Ration Nutrition Software™. A forage probe is available for livestock producers to check out at the Davis County Extension Office. Below is a picture demonstrating the use of the probe.

