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

Susan Carlson

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Healthy People

Montgomery County Extension has provided the citizens of Montgomery County with Food Safety information and activities. We have had displays at the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital Health Fair, schools, senior citizen centers, and assisted living facilities. Food safety has been presented to over 600 adults and youth this past year. Information and presentations were done on hand washing, 10 steps to a safe kitchen, food handling, food preservation, and foodborne pathogens.



Hand washing demonstrations and activities are presented in the schools of Montgomery County every year.

Foodborne pathogens are estimated to cause 76 million illnesses costing \$6.9 billion annually in the United States.

Healthy Environments

Montgomery County Extension has promoted a healthy environment through water quality day camps to middle school students in Villisca, Red Oak, and Stanton. Topics include the ground water flow model, soil and water conservation, aquatic life in ponds and lakes, water birds and wildlife, the stream table, "Who's Polluting" role playing scenario, and watershed walk. Healthy environments are enhanced through the education of our youth.





Susan Carlson, Les Linquist, Greta McCarthy, Barb Allen, Ed Engstrand, Julie Wolfe, Mary Jardon, Donna Oster, Paula Grooms

Montgomery 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:

- Horticulture
- Parenting
- Youth Development
- Changing face of Agriculture
- Communities
- Food and Fitness
- Economics
- Healthy Environment



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Healthy Economies

Montgomery County Extension provides newsletters to clients in Montgomery County help families, businesses, and individuals understand economics issues. The "Centsible" newsletter goes to 420 families every month during the school year. The newsletter is designed with information to help families understand money issues and how they relate to their children and their homes.

Montgomery County Extension also does a "Family Focus Newsletter" every other month to over 300 households. This newsletter provides the MONEY FOR LIFE news articles to the recipients of the newsletter.

Montgomery County Extension also provides information and answers questions dealing with money and economics to individuals who call or stop in the office asking for assistance.

Montgomery County Extension had a Money Talk program for women in Montgomery County.

builds partnerships and provides research based learning opportunities to improve the quality of life in Iowa.

Impact Examples

Our agricultural clientele needed to have better communication on agricultural meetings, research based information, and current information about crops and livestock.

The goal was to educate and inform the farmers and ag businessmen about meetings, current information, and other information pertinent to crop and livestock production. We started a monthly Ag Newsletter in 2003.

We targeted farmers and agricultural businesses in Montgomery County. We mail out to about 400 clients in Montgomery County.

We have increased the number of calls concerning what we put in the newsletter. I have had many good comments about the newsletter. It has increased awareness of activities and events. It has also increased the number that attends extension meetings and events.

We also started a horticulture newsletter in January of 2006. This newsletter started out at 200 subscribers and has grown to almost 400.

It has increased horticulture knowledge and awareness of problems as well as giving the clients in Montgomery County many ideas.

The newsletter goes to individuals who have called and/or have come in to the office with horticulture questions.

The extension receives many comments on the information in the newsletter. They say it is very helpful.



Educational Opportunities

Iowa State University delivers educational opportunities that make life better, safer, and more profitable for individuals and communities. Iowa State University serves Montgomery County in six areas that support agriculture and natural resources, business and industry, communities, families, 4-H youth development, and extended and continuing education. ISU Extension