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2009 Stakeholder Report

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

Merrill Ahrens
Extension Council Chair

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Healthy People

120 people on 20 teams participated in the Franklin County Live Healthy Iowa 100 day challenge. Free programs were given on exercise for women, healthy cooking, and healthy diets. Team and individual prizes were to participants. Sponsors were Public Health, Franklin Wellness Center, Franklin General Hospital, and ISU Extension.



A Chef's Club for youth and their adult mentors held its first session this summer. The goal of the group was to learn the basics of cooking. Participants learned what the different cooking terminology meant, how to follow a recipe and measure ingredients, as well as practicing

kitchen safety while cooking. During the six hour workshop participants prepared and enjoyed a variety of entrees, salads and desserts. Additional programming and levels are being developed for future Chef's Club workshops

Healthy Environments

The Hampton Community Garden was one of seven stops in Franklin County on the Through the Garden Gate Tour on Saturday, July 25. ISU Extension Master Gardeners helped to plan the tour, and were located at three sites to hand out informational brochures and answer gardening and horticulture questions. Gardens featured displays of annuals and perennials organized and decorated





Sally Van Wert, Merrill Ahrens, Carolyn Oleson, Jack Clark, Marsha Miller, Darwin Arends, Jane Schmitt, Ian Plagge, Gary Stenzel

Franklin 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.

Some of the other programs we were involved in this year include:

- Commercial & private pesticide applicator instructional courses
- Confinement site and commercial manure certification
- PROSPER research project
- Financial Counseling
- Farmers Market
- Clover Kids
- Lego League
- 4-H club activities & training



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Hampton Community Garden continued

with a variety of themes as well as featuring bubbling water ponds, butterfly gardens and fairy tree gardens. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Franklin County Family Nest Program.

The Hampton Community Garden offered plots that were available to the community for the 7th year. The garden was expanded to 16 plots this year, with all but 2 plots enclosed by a fence. Located east of St. Patrick's Church in Hampton, the 10x10 plots are available to anyone for \$20 each, with 10x20 plots available for \$40 each. Information on planting gardens and food preservation is available to all participants. Lead Gardener is Sandy Eckhardt.

Healthy Economies

A Farmland Leasing meeting was held in August by Kelvin Leibold, ISU Extension Farm Management Specialist, to assist renters and owners in reviewing information to help determine farm lease agreements for the coming year. Topics included current cash rental rates and land value surveys, types of lease arrangements, estimating costs of production, update on USDA farm programs, and Extension resources. Many of the resources can be found on the Ag Decision-maker website:
www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm



A meeting held in July on the farm bill assisted farmers and landowners in their decision whether to enroll in the new ACRE program (Average Crop Revenue Election) or stay with the current Direct and Counter-Cyclical payment (DCP). Steve Abbas, FSA County Director, and Craig Chase, ISU Extension Farm Management Specialist, reviewed general provisions of each program, and discussed the revenue features of ACRE. A web-based calculator was presented which projects revenue and payments under ACRE.

Women Around Ag Conference

The third Women Around Ag Conference was held in Clear Lake March 27-28. The program was planned for and by a group of women involved in agriculture.



21 workshops were held on topics such as farm software, investing, crop marketing, communications, premise ID, biofuels, farmland leasing, growing green, barn quilts, laughter yoga, beginning and intermediate excel programming, farm succession, and global agriculture.

Evaluations by participants encouraged the committee to continue the conference in 2010, and shared the importance of the information gained to their farming operation. The conference also allowed participants to network with other farm women from the area. A one day conference will be held in Clear Lake on March 27, 2010.