Highlights from Region 8
June 2016

Bullet Points from Rich

- 81 educational events were held in May and 117 events are scheduled for June. www.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/default.asp
- Strong Iowa videos were recently shared, https://youtube.com/user/IowaStateExtension/videos
- The Iowa Association of County Extension Councils will change its name July 1 to the Iowa Extension Council Association.
- Hardin County is one of 13 counties celebrating a 100-year anniversary in 2016. Join us in celebrating this milestone!

Boone County Office Relocates

After years of searching for a new location, the Boone County office has moved to 1327 SE Marshall in Boone. The council met five times in six weeks before signing the closing documents on April 28. The move occurred May 16. The building was constructed in 1986 and an addition placed in 1996. It is 4,283 square feet. Please stop by and see us!

Gardening Season Kicks Off

Thanks to the Story County Master Gardeners for their part in another successful plant sale at Reiman Gardens over Mother’s Day weekend.

Boone council chair Donna Monson receives the keys to 1327 SE Marshall at the closing on April 28.
Youth Learn about Gardening

Six Marshalltown elementary schools and the YMCA/YWCA of Marshalltown will participate in summer gardening programming this year. So far youth have toured the local Isle of Green greenhouses and have begun to plan. The youth will exhibit their produce at the Central Iowa fair in July.

Livestock weigh-ins

Story County 4-H’ers and FFA members weighed and identified sheep and meat goats for potential county fair exhibition.

Story County 4-H’ers Exhibit Communication Skills

Story County 4-H’ers participated in the 4-H Communications Contest on April 9 at Collegiate United Methodist Church in Ames. Communication entries were evaluated by judges for ribbon placing. Entries also were selected for exhibition during the 2016 Iowa State Fair. Thank you to all volunteers that helped implement the contest and all donors that supported the event.

News from Hardin County

- Hardin County Extension’s fifth annual Family Fest was held May 7 at the county fairgrounds in Eldora with 360 people attending. Participants visited with agencies that provide family services and received a free Hardin County Resource Directory. Children were entertained by Blank Park Zoo, Stahl Petting Zoo, Llamas Forever and the Mudpuppies Band.

- Twelve people participated in “Healthy Meals in a Hurry” on April 26. Participants learned time-saving, cost-conscious tips for healthy meals. They prepared healthy entrees and learned how to make convenience foods healthier.

- Thirteen women participated in Money Talk. The Hardin County Bankers Association provided a $30 scholarship for each participant.