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ISU Extension and Outreach provides educational opportunities for economic development, food and the environment, health and well-being, and K-12 youth outreach. We meet local needs, so Montgomery County can be an even better place for the next generation.

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Economic Development
ISU Extension and Outreach in Montgomery County functions within our state network of specialists to provide assistance in community and economic development.

Township Trustee and Clerk Training was held in September 2015 to bring together over 30 county leaders for education related to township laws and best practices for providing public services. This training offered a chance for greater understanding of roles and responsibilities.

Grant Writing 101 was presented in November with attendees from non-profits, local governments and schools. It provided hands-on training in seeking and writing successful grant applications.

Capturing Government Sales was a program presented by the Center for Industrial Research and Service in August. Businesses interested in securing government contract sales learned about the process and how to get started.

Health and Well Being
ISU Extension and Outreach is a great informational resource for lifelong health and well-being in Montgomery County.

Caring for our youngest generation is an important challenge. In 2015, Montgomery County offered...
**Cent$ible** and **MyPlate** education to childcare providers to support their work. On the opposite end of the spectrum, we offered **Powerful Tools for Caregivers**, a series designed to help family caregivers learn tools to ensure they are also taking care of themselves.

**Eat Smart, Live Strong** was presented to older adults in October to help them change behaviors in the areas of physical activity and eating choices.

In the domain of financial well-being, **Retirement: Secure Your Future** provided education on planning for later years. Whether just starting or revamping retirement plans, management decisions can be difficult without good information.

**Food and the Environment**
ISU Extension and Outreach serves as a link for education related to conservation, agriculture, and horticulture.

Farm management decisions were worked through during several **Farm Bill Computer Lab Workshops**. These hands-on sessions gave 40 owners and operators guidance and confidence to make the best decisions in Farm Bill programs.

Education in the most current research regarding the use of pesticides and herbicides is given annually to over 200 individuals through our **Private and Commercial Pesticide Applicator Training (PPAT/CPAT)** courses. In addition, we provide **Manure Applicator Training**. All of these certification courses are in place to support best practices for protecting the environment and farm yields.

The discovery of an invasive and destructive tree insect in Montgomery County led to an **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Information Meeting** in November. As EAB spreads across the country and our county, ISU Extension and Outreach is at the forefront of providing resources to the community in making decisions about next steps.

**K-12 Youth Outreach**
Youth programming is an important part of our work in Montgomery County. We strive to provide a variety of educational experiences throughout the year in order to build successful future citizens.

Short-term after school programs were offered at two sites in the county. Programs included **Cooking With Kids, Let’s Move!** and **STEM Kids**. Youth learned many skills and increased their knowledge in nutrition and food preparation, fitness and health, and science, technology, engineering and math.

Summer is an excellent time for fun learning experiences, and we again provided summer day camps for over 30 youth. **Outdoor Day Camp** allowed youth grades 4-8 to learn about outdoor recreation, plants and nature, and outdoor cooking. **Clover Kids Day Camp** for grades K-3 helped youth learn about insects and bugs, the environment, and nature.

**4-H** continues to be a strong program in Montgomery County, involving over 150 youth grades K-12 in year-round community clubs and the **Clover Kids** program. Youth are given opportunities to reach their full potential by working and learning in partnership with caring adults. In 2015, a few 4-H highlights included a hands-on **Animal and Vet Science Workshop, Food Safety and Quality Assurance** training for those raising and exhibiting market animals, and the year-end culmination of 4-H—the **Montgomery County Fair**.

**Project possibilities in 4-H are endless—there is definitely something for everyone!**