Regional Extension News
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ISU Providing Research Based Knowledge

ISU is looked upon by a variety of individuals and organizations to provide research based, unbiased information. Joel DeJong, ISU Extension and Outreach Field Agronomist is sharing an update on spring soil moisture levels and the possible effect on planting at a recent private pesticide applicator training in Ida Grove. The interview was shown later in the day on a KTIV newscast.

Robotics Club in Pocahontas Going Strong

Sac Co. 4-H’er Recognized

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Water Quality and Drainage Workshops in Buena Vista and Pocahontas Co.’s

Dr. Kris Kohl, ISU Extension and Outreach Ag. Engineer held Water Quality and Drainage Workshops in Pocahontas and Buena Vista Counties. Topics included using satellite maps to locate current tile lines, optimizing tile size and spacing, and reducing nitrogen loss.

ServSafe® Training in St. Lake

Over 14 participants received the ServSafe® training at the Buena Vista county Extension and Outreach in March conducted by Katie Knobbe, Human Sciences Family Nutrition Specialist.

Agriculture and Natural Resources by the Numbers

Ag and Natural Resources staff are making a different in the lives of Iowans. Highlights from 2015 program efforts are shared for your review.

- 11,693,419 webpage views
- 4,247,730 unique visitors on websites
- 3,251,327 DOWNLOADS (webinars, podcasts, presentations)
- 505,733 print publications (printed and downloaded)
- 180,376 CONTACTS at 2,588 presentations at meetings, workshops, field days
- 51,860 SUBSCRIBERS to 33 Extension newsletters
- 46,073 phone and email contacts
- 38,265 electronic/online contacts
- 33,469 social media connections
- 6,893 INDIVIDUAL face-to-face contacts
- 2,625 news media contacts 964 Extension articles
- 358 POPULAR press articles

Health Fair in Pocahontas in Celebration of Extension and Outreach
A Client Testimonial

Can the little things we do in our work have an impact? It sure does. In an age where an ever increasing amount of our communication is through texts, e-mails and other social media, to receive a hand written letter adds extra meaning.

The comment below was recently received from a client to a county office staff person:

“Thank-you for returning my pesticide application papers. It’s people like you who make this world a better place to live.”

What can you do to help make a #STRONGIOWA?

Benjamin Pullen to Join 4-H Team in NW Iowa

Benjamin Pullen will join the west youth program specialist field team with primary responsibilities for Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth, Cherokee, O’Brien and Osceola counties. He will start June 13. Pullen received his master’s degree from Buena Vista University in school guidance counseling. He returns to ISU Extension and Outreach employment after previously serving northwest Iowa counties as a summer agriculture associate educator. Previously he has worked as an elementary and middle school guidance counselor and special educator in Storm Lake and Linn-Mar Community Schools. His responsibilities included creating high interest hands-on lessons, creating collaborative partnerships with parents and outside organizations to benefit learning environments, consulting with educational professionals and developing the first middle school AVID program in Iowa. Pullen has experience developing, implementing and evaluating youth development programs ranging from preschool to high school audiences emphasizing social skills to basic academic skills. As a volunteer and a professional, Pullen has developed partnerships and mobilized teams to engage diverse youth audiences in interactive and innovative learning experiences.

2016 ISU Extension and Outreach Quick Facts

There is a variety of information that can be found on the ISU Extension and Outreach Quick Facts page concerning various ISU Extension and Outreach programming as well as a summary of income and expenses related to the work we do. For more information, visit http://www.extension.iastate.edu/our-story/content/quick-facts

County Revenues

- Tax Receipts ........................................... $21,051,107  [61%]
- Grant Receipts ............................................. $4,638,216  [13%]
- User Fees ...................................................... $8,019,661  [24%]
- Other ......................................................... $772,412  [2%]
- Total Revenues ........................................... $34,508,395  [100%]

County Expenses

- Personnel[1] .................................................. $19,051,394  [56%]
- Supplies and Services ................................. $11,254,568  [33%]
- Capital and Equipment .................................. $3,396,881  [10%]
- Shared Services Support ............................ $432,035  [1%]
- Total Expenses ........................................... $34,134,878  [100%]

ISU Extension and Outreach By Program

- Agriculture and Natural Resources ............... $24,066,503  [43%]
- Community and Economic Development ........ $4,940,807  [9%]
- Human Sciences .......................................... $8,015,503  [14%]
- 4-H Youth Development ............................... $5,936,683  [11%]
- Conference Planning and Management .......... $1,142,859  [2%]
- Administration[1] .......................................... $870,839  [2%]
- Organizational Advancement and Development ... $1,724,147  [3%]
- County Services[2] ........................................ $3,083,556  [5%]
- Total Expenses ........................................... $56,125,877  [100%]

(1) Includes personal costs paid from tax receipts, grants, and program fees
(2) Includes partial upgrade to new county accounting software
(3) Includes ISU Extension and Outreach central support for IT, Finance, and EDC
(4) Includes rent, utilities, broadband, membership association dues, facility improvements, as well
as expenses for ISU Extension and Outreach share of University allocated expenses (Facilities, Library,
University IT, and Business Services)

Iowa Assoc. of County Extension Council Name Change Effective July 1st

The IACEC membership voted to change the name of our organization from the Iowa Association of County Extension Councils to the Iowa Extension Council Association. This change will officially take place on July 1, 2016, which will allow us to develop a new logo and update our website to reflect the change in a uniform manner. We will continue to keep you updated. Thank-you for your input.

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