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— Glennda Bivens, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
Community Development Specialist

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— Julie Mayhew, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
Family Nutrition Program Assistant, Floyd County

“I want to thank all the county staff and state staff for all the time and effort they spend working with our young people and making them better individuals and better leaders.”
— William Sparks, father

“I want to thank you for helping me get my business started, without the aid of the extension office it would not have been possible.”
— Eric Johnson, Sawmill Owner

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- Be part of a 99-county campus, connecting the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources.
- Increase your leadership and networking opportunities through new relationships that benefit your county.

AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL:

- You represent Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and act on our behalf locally.
- You represent your county – you bring an understanding of local issues to important decisions about educational opportunities.
- You bring significant programs to your county and region that help people solve critical issues affecting their lives.
- You have the responsibility to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars.
- You may provide supervision and leadership for county paid staff.
- You agree to fulfill the responsibilities of the position, including regularly attending county extension council meetings.

HOW DO YOU BEGIN?

- As a qualified voter in the extension district (county), you are eligible to be a candidate for county extension council.
- Contact your county extension or county auditor’s office for candidate petition papers.
- Get dates, deadlines, and other details from your county extension office, your county auditor (commissioner of elections), or at www.extension.iastate.edu/content/countycouncils.