Structured for Success Committee

A Structured for Success Committee was initiated earlier this year by Dr. John Lawrence, ISU Vice President for Extension and Outreach. The overarching goal is to determine how ISU Extension and Outreach can effectively educate and serve Iowans and how our organizational structure impacts our ability to do so. The web site that includes a list of committee members, agendas, and notes can be found here: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/countyservices/structured-success

Preparing for Winter Weather

Winter is here! As we move into the winter programming season, there are several things to consider. First, staff should review their Personnel Handbook to determine the policy and procedure. Next, procedures normally include contacting the council chair and publicizing the office closing through radio, social media and other means. If the office closes early, a sign should be posted. Having a communication plan for all staff including the Regional Director and Program Specialists is very important.

ServSafe Trainings in Calhoun and Sac Co.’s

Ann Heuer, Region 6/12 ISU Extension and Outreach Human Sciences Specialist, Nutrition and Wellness, has been busy this fall conducting ServSafe programs. ServSafe® is the food safety certification course for those with oversight and management responsibility in any type of foodservice operation.
Region 6 4-H Recognition Events

Ida County

Calhoun County

Buena Vista County

Cherokee County

Pocahontas Creative Arts Workshop

Sac County
Pocahontas Master Gardeners spent time in the cold helping decorate the city for the holidays.

Save the Date—January 23rd, 2019 – NW Awards and Professional Development

A NW area awards and professional development day is being planned for Wednesday, January 23rd at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. All county and state ISU staff in Region’s 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7 are invited to attend. The purpose of the event is to recognize ISU Extension and Outreach staff accomplishments in Northwest Iowa, provide a professional development opportunity, and encourage greater participation in submission for awards given out at our state annual conference. Staff and councils are encouraged to nominate individuals or groups in the following categories:

- County Extension Council Distinguished Service
- Creativity in Service to All Iowans
- Excellence in Partnership to Iowans Award
- Exceptional Volunteer Service Award
- Originality and Innovation in Programming
- Outstanding Achievement in Organizational Advancement
- Pride of Extension Award

The registration link will be sent at a later time. The application deadline is November 30th, and the link to the nomination forms can be found here: [https://iastate.box.com/v/multi-region-awards-2018](https://iastate.box.com/v/multi-region-awards-2018) and can be sent to tjans@iastate.edu.

Women in Ag. Drainage & Tile – Cherokee Co.

Kris Kohl, Agriculture Engineer along with Gary Wright, Farm Management Specialist for ISU Extension and Outreach conduct an introduction to tiling and drainage program designed for women. The program addressed various production and economic cost considerations for crop drainage.

Iowa Extension Council Association Board

Laura Sievers, Buena Vista Council chair, far right in the third row, serves as the Region 6 representative on the Iowa Extension Council Association Board. The Iowa Extension Council Association serves as a vehicle for networking between county extension councils of Iowa, Iowa State University, and government leaders to promote and strengthen all local and statewide Extension programs.

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