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Franklin County 4-H Members Talk with Legislators

HAMPTON, Iowa - On February 9, 4-H members in Franklin County met with their legislators at the annual Iowa Legislative Insider, a day of legislative learning and advocacy held at the Iowa Capitol in Des Moines. They joined nearly 120 other county extension council members, 4-H members, volunteers, and extension supporters from across the state sharing how ISU Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources.

Those attending included Emma and Emily Forsyth, County Extension Director Missy Crawford, and County Youth Coordinator Jackie Dohlman. Iowa Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg spoke to attendees about current initiatives by the Governor’s administration. Tyler Heeren from the non-partisan Legislative Service Agency explained their role in the legislative process. Two pages from the Iowa House spoke about opportunities for youth to serve as legislative pages, one of which was Franklin County 4-H member, Ethan Forsyth. The group met with Senator Amanda Ragan and Representative Shannon Latham.

The day was concluded with a series of workshops at the Des Moines Botanical Garden for participants highlighting youth adult partnerships, youth in action, and civil discourse.

The event was sponsored by the Iowa Extension Council Association and the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development program. The Iowa Extension Council Association represents 900 elected extension council members across the state. At the local level, county extension councils function as the legal body and are the local partners with Iowa State University (Extension and Outreach) and the USDA. They represent the diverse populations, issues, and concerns of their counties and identify needs related to public and private organizations, families, and communities.

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4-H’ers Learn to Communicate at Workshop

On Saturday, March 5, 9:00 a.m. – noon, Franklin County 4-H members are invited to a fun, hands-on, Communications Workshop, at the 4-H Food Stand located on the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hampton, IA. 4-H’ers, parents and leaders are welcome, and lunch will be provided. Please register by March 4, in your 4hOnline account/Events/Communications Workshop.

Youth will learn how to prepare posters and educational presentations using simple steps outlined at the workshop. Everyone will get a chance to conduct a presentation before the group using some simple props. Members will also learn tips on working exhibits and how to share the fun with 4-H’ers Got Talent. This event may be postponed due to inclement weather, listen to KLMJ 104.9 FM radio. Snow date is March 19. For more information call the Extension Office at 641-456-4811 or jackied@iastate.edu

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Opportunities, Challenges, and Market Options of Carbon Storage to be Highlighted at the ISU Northeast Research Farm on Wednesday March 16th

NASHUA – Dr. Keith Schilling, State Geologist and Director, Iowa Geological Survey, University of Iowa, and Ann Johanns, Extension Program Specialist, Ag and Natural Resources, Iowa State University will speak at the annual meeting of the Northeast Iowa Agricultural Experimental Association (NEIAEA) at the Borlaug Learning Center, ISU Northeast Research Farm, Nashua on March 16th.

The program starts at 9:30 a.m. with a Call to Order for the board meeting. From 10:00 a.m. to Noon will be key presentations from Keith Schilling and Ann Johanns. Schilling will discuss “Challenges and Opportunities of Carbon Storage and Sequestration in Midwest Landscapes, and the next hour, Johanns will share information with us on “Carbon Market Options for Producers”. Dan Robison, Dean of the ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will also attend and make a few comments. After lunch, Ken Pecinovsky, Farm Superintendent, will review 2021 research trial results conducted at the NE Research Farm and discuss future research plans.

Provided free at the meeting is the 2021 Research Farm Report. Our local Riverton Lucky Clovers 4-H Club will serve lunch as a fund raiser. Following Pecinovsky’s presentation, the NEIAEA board of directors will meet. The day’s sessions qualify for two free CCA credits (2 CM).
The meeting is free and open to the public. The program will be held at the Borlaug Learning Center on the ISU Northeast Research Farm. Directions: From Nashua at the Jct. of Hwy 218 (Exit 220) and Co. Rd. B60, go west on B60 1.1 miles to Windfall Ave., then south 1 mile to 290th St., then east 0.2 miles to the farm. For more information about the event, call Terry Basol at 641-426-6801.

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