Guthrie County Fair, Aug. 29-Sept. 2

It’s that time of year again, the Guthrie County Fair! We are gearing up at the office and look forward to seeing all of you at the fairgrounds. The fair runs from Thursday, August 29 through Monday, September 30.

We will be closing the Extension Office during the fair, but if you need us, you can find us at our office at the fairgrounds. We will be located on the north side of the 4-H food stand. Speaking of the food stand, please stop in and eat some delicious food while you’re at the fair and check out our newly remodeled stand!

While you’re at the fair, please walk through the 4-H buildings and take a look at all the animals. Animals being judged are beef, dogs, goat, sheep, horse, pets, poultry, rabbits, and swine. Static Exhibits will also be displayed at the Static Exhibit Judging building, which is located at the north entrance to the fairgrounds.

Don’t forget to look for the Extension Staff in the parade, which is Saturday at 10:00 am. We’re the ones with big smiles and lots of candy!

Please come and support the Guthrie County 4-H’ers at the Guthrie County Fair, where there is…”A Whole Lot of Country”!
Land Leasing Meeting
August 1

Farm tenants and land owners are invited to attend the Farmland Leasing Meeting on Thursday, August 1. The three hour workshop is designed to assist landowners, tenants, and other agriculture professionals with current issues related to farmland ownership, management, and leasing agreements. This program will be held at the Guthrie County Farm Bureau Hall, 203 N. 4th St., Guthrie Center.

Each workshop attendee will receive a set of beneficial materials regarding farm leasing arrangements and farmland ownership. Resources on farmland surveys and leasing arrangements also are provided. Topics covered include: Iowa Cash Rental Rate Survey and Land Values Survey, comparison of different types of leases, lease termination, impacts of yields and prices, calculating a fair cash rent, use of spreadsheets to compare leases, issues unique to this year’s production and an outlook for 2014 and available internet resources.

The leasing meeting will be facilitated by Iowa State University Farm Management Specialist, Shane Ellis. The cost for this program is $20 per person or $35 per couple.

Pre-registration is preferred and can be completed by calling the Guthrie County Extension and Outreach Office at 641-747-2276.

Cy-Hawk Tailgate Party Sept. 13

Join us for our 2nd Annual Cy-Hawk Tailgate Party on Friday, September 13, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Enjoy free grilled hot dogs, chips, & bottled water.

Whether you’re a Cyclone fan or a Hawkeye fan, come and sport your gear and help us celebrate the biggest yearly sporting event in Iowa!
Beginning Farmer Night Draws Over 15 Participants

Beginning Farmer’s Night was held Tuesday, July 16, at the Extension Office. Over 15 participants attended the program. These beginning farmers came from as far away as Story, Madison & Cass Counties to as near as Guthrie Center.

The participants enjoyed a light meal of pizza and networking with the other beginning farmers present throughout the night.

Local Iowa State University Extension Economist, Shane Ellis, did a great job presenting the program. Shane’s presentation covered a wide variety of topics, including setting goals, preparing a cash flow statement, the various types of business structures, and what works best for your farming operation, acquiring financing, returns & income, enterprise options, and resources from ISU, including Ag Decision Maker.

To conclude the evening, Shane also gave a brief ag outlook. Throughout the night, the beginning farmers shared a lot of first-hand experiences, which was very helpful to the whole group.

The Extension Office is working on creating more upcoming programs for beginning farmers. If you are interested in receiving information about our next event, or the hand-outs from this recent program, please contact Mary at 641-747-2276 and she will add you to the contact list.

RAGBRAI hits Guthrie Center!

The Extension Office offered much appreciated cold water to RAGBRAI riders on July 22. We handed out over 35 cases of water and enjoyed visiting with riders who came from all over the country.

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