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Dr. Lawrence-New V.P. Extension and Outreach



After a nationwide search, John Lawrence has been appointed vice president of Iowa State University's extension and outreach programs. "John has a long history of scholarship and administrative service, and is uniquely qualified to lead ISU Extension and Outreach," said President Wendy Wintersteen. "I

feel confident he will work to strengthen important Extension programs and partnerships and enhance the connections of our faculty, staff and students to Iowa communities." Lawrence holds a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in economics, both from Iowa State, and a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of Missouri. He joined Iowa State as an assistant professor of economics in 1991, serving as an extension livestock economist. He has also served as assistant director of the Agriculture Experiment Station, and director of the Iowa Beef Center. Lawrence has also led the Iowa Nutrient Research Center, established in 2013 to develop science-based approaches for reducing the level of nutrients delivered to Iowa waterways and the Gulf of Mexico.

Region 6 County Fair Dates



- Buena Vista – July 8th – 11th
- Calhoun – July 11th – 15th
- Cherokee – July 19th – 22nd
- Ida – July 18th – 22nd
- Pocahontas – July 18th – 23rd
- Sac – July 25th – 28th

Family Storyteller Program in Cherokee Co.



Debbie Erpelding, Cherokee County Youth Coordinator, is facilitating the Family Storyteller program in Cherokee Co. Family Storyteller is an early literacy program designed to increase the amount and quality of time parents and young children spend together in literacy activities.

Nuisance Abatement "Pilot" Program in Sac City



ISU Community and Economic Development Specialist, Eric Christianson, recently piloted a Nuisance Abatement program in Sac Co. The program is designed to give public officials information and options concerning municipal nuisance cases.

Hydrogen Sulfide - Deadly in Swine Operations



Dave Stender, ISU Extension and Outreach Swine Specialist conducted education this past winter on the importance of proper swine ventilation. During the 14 manure applicator certification sessions in northwest Iowa, training regarding hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) gas safety was emphasized to over 500 manure applicators. Additionally twelve workshops were held for 200 producers and H₂S gas safety was again emphasized. In total, hydrogen sulfide gas safety awareness was presented to more than 750 producers. Producers were taught safety regarding how to monitor the gas level; to agitate the manure with safer methods; to make sure the ventilation is adequate for safety of people and pigs; and to use proper safety protocols during agitation and pumping manure. End of meeting surveys were completed by 305 participants, 70.8% rated the information excellent for use in their operations, 28.9% good for their operations.

Buena Vista Hosts Annie's Project



Carol Ehlers, ISU Extension and Outreach Human Science Specialist, Family Finance leading an exercise at a recent Annie's Project program in Storm Lake. Gary Wright, ISU Ext. and Outreach Farm Management Spec. and other presenters covered topics designed to provide farm women the tools they need to become successful in their agricultural business.

Healthy Relationship Training in Cherokee



Dr. David Brown, ISU Extension and Outreach Human Science Specialist, Family Finance leading a "Healthy Relationship Education Training" program. The training teaches professionals who work with couples and families the skills and principles that research indicates can build and sustain healthy relationships.

Extension and Outreach Week – April 16-21

This year's focus is on community service, a natural connection to [CY's Days of Service](#). You will be able to report any community service hours you or your staff contribute during Extension Week or anytime in April. Here are [10 ideas for ways to get involved](#).

Extension Council to Elect Five Members

In 2018, Extension Councils will have five open positions on the ballot. Elected members serve for the next four years. Incumbent council members follow the same procedure as new candidates by securing the required 25 signatures and completing the other paperwork necessary.

Dr. Randall Discusses Windbreaks-Calhoun Co.



ISU Extension and Outreach Strategic Plan

The ISU Extension and Outreach Strategic Plan, as well as other plans and resources can be located here:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/content/planning-documents>

Developing Dynamic Leaders in Marcus



Steve Adams, ISU Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development Specialist leading a Developing Dynamic Leaders session in Cherokee Co.

Powerful Tools Program in St. Lake



Sac Co. Canvas Painting Workshop



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Full House at Beekeeping 101 in Ida Co.



Over 30 attended the Beekeeping 101 program in Ida Co. Dr. Kris Kohl, ISU Agriculture Engineer discussed the starting, and care of bee colonies. Bees not only provide honey for consumption, but also serve as important pollinators in our agricultural communities.

Finances of Caregivers in Pocahontas Co.



STEM Activity in Cherokee Co.



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