

Extension Mission Exemplified at Kids Fest 2008

ISU Extension in Ida County partnered with 16 local agencies; including the Iowa Highway Patrol, NW Iowa Area Education Agency, Ida County Empowerment, local Lion's Club, and WIC to offer the 7th Annual Ida County Kids Fest. The Ida Grove Skate Palace served as the new location for this event with 235 people in attendance. Health screenings conducted for children included 32 dental, 57 vision, 19 hearing, and 21 lead.



Local 4Hers assisted law enforcement with car seat inspections, resulting in 26 found to be improperly installed and 8 being replaced. Childcare and recreation activities were provided by 4H Youth Council members while adults visited the many vendors and displays for information regarding such topics as Hawk-I health insurance, preschool scholarships and smoke-free homes. Ida County Extension Staff provided research-based information on Raising Healthy Kids, Ages and Stages of Development and upcoming family programs. 4Hers also went undercover as the Easter Bunny and Chris Clover for photo opportunities with children. Door prizes were awarded to 11 youth and 3 adults. In addition, all 133 children received a new teddy bear.

“Iowa State University Extension’s mission to ‘build partnerships and provide research-based learning opportunities to improve the quality of life in Iowa’ was certainly exemplified at the 7th Annual Kids Fest held in Ida Grove with 16 collaborating community organizations providing information and services for 235 individuals.”



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