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In Warren County, it starts with Extension. Together we support healthy people, environments, and economies. Read about some of the ways ISU Extension meets local needs, improves quality of life, and helps make Warren County a better place to live. In this piece, we are reflecting on major programs over the last decade. You'll be amazed at what we do.

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It Starts With Healthy Economies
The number of Warren County commercial vineyards has grown from 3 to more than 40 in just 10 years, resulting in 10 percent of Iowa's vineyards being located in Warren County.

Iowa State University Extension viticulture specialists have contributed to this growth by providing educational materials and programs to grape growers and wine industry professionals. Mike White, extension viticulture specialist, offers courses on everything from winemaking and marketing to harvesting and pest control, and supports grape and wine growers with the weekly Wine Growers News e-newsletter. By producing popular commercial products, providing job outlets and attracting tourism, this specialized industry is a valuable asset to Warren County and Iowa's economy.

It Starts with Healthy People and a Focus on Our Youngest Residents
Warren County Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) has 180 childcare programs listed in Warren County. Through the program, Warren County childcare providers work with our staff, who offer assistance in multiple areas including state registration, training requirements and day-to-day issues. The program provides resources to parents, childcare providers and the
community to develop quality childcare that is affordable and accessible. CCR&R benefits hundreds of families every year with funding and educational sessions. In 2010, the program referred 108 families with 196 children to childcare providers. Extension employees Val Cameron, provider services coordinator, and Connie Jackson, home consultant, offer resources to childcare personnel and directly assist families by offering almost 200 hours of training sessions throughout the year.

The work of Iowa State University Extension staff with community clubs, special interest and school enrichment programs reaches more than 1,000 youth every year. This year, Warren County 4-H added a Shooting Sports Club for those interested in developing archery, shotgun, rifle and wildlife skills.

It Starts with Healthy Businesses / CIRAS Impact Example
The Center for Industrial Research and Service carries out ISU Extension’s land-grant mission by enhancing Iowa’s industries. In Warren County, 43 projects for businesses have been conducted by Extension’s CIRAS staff. The program provides Warren County manufacturers with information and resources regarding economic development, education seminars and technical assistance. This is an example of behind-the-scenes work completed confidentially to help businesses thrive and provide local jobs.

It Starts with Healthy Nutrition
The Family Nutrition Program of Warren County benefits every participant. Iowa State University Extension families and nutrition staff work with adults and pregnant teens to help them prepare nutritious meals, raise healthy children and develop strong families. Reports have shown that 100% of the program’s participants have improved nutritious practices and made changes in their food resource management practices.

It Starts By Providing Services and Programs to Help Warren County Residents in Their Daily Lives
Such as:
- Babysitting Course
- Commercial Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Courses & Study Materials
- Identifying Insects
- Diagnosing Tree Problems
- Farmland Lease Forms
- Preschool Tuition Assistance
- Landowner & Tenant Farm Lease Workshops
- Canner Testing
- Strengthening Families
- Farm Marketing Outlook
- Private Pesticide Application
- Gardening, Lawn, Pests, and Homeowner Questions
- Nutrition and the Athlete
- Custom Rate Survey
- Master Gardener training
- Commercial & Confinement Manure Applicator Certifications
- Farmland Value Survey
- 4-H Clubs, Project workshops, leadership training for adults and youth
- Making Crop Rotation, Tillage and Fertilizer decisions
- High School Financial Planning Program
- Bio-economy discussions
- Well Water Quality
- Pasture Walk
- Childnet Series for Home Providers
- Healthy Meals in a Hurry
- Yearly Costs of Crop and Livestock Production
- Transition of Assets
- Leadership Development
- Food Quality Safety Assurance
- Township Trustee Training
- Resources for parenting and caregiving for aging parents
- Livestock Production
- Specialty Crops production and marketing

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