



For the Citizens of Warren County

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Partnerships help Iowa State University Extension create a better future for all Iowans. Together we can improve quality of life in Iowa. Here are a few examples of ISU Extension partnerships at work in Warren County.

4-H and Youth programs for varied interests – More than 439 Warren County 4-H'ers learned life skills by participating in 4-H opportunities. The 4-H youth program has 20 community and two Clover Kids clubs. Extension staff worked with 133 youth at special interest day camps and child care clinics. School enrichment activities such as Toys in Space, Biotechnology, and global positioning systems reached 1,090 Warren County students and encouraged science and technology literacy. Staff work with local park and recreation boards and schools to make some of these programs happen.

Wine industry continues to grow in Iowa - Currently Iowa has 230+ commercial wine grape vineyards and 32 wineries in Iowa. Warren County has two wineries and 23 commercial vineyards. While serving all of Iowa as ISU Extension's viticulture specialist, Mike White has been closely involved with this industry through individual service contacts, meetings and serving as advisor to the Iowa Wine Growers Association, Iowa Grape and Wine Development Commission, and Two Rivers Grape & Wine Cooperative.

Family Nutrition Program – Extension families and nutrition staff worked with 62 adults and pregnant teens in Warren and Madison counties to help them prepare nutritious meals, raise healthy children and develop strong families. Referrals from local public health and human services organizations encourage more families to benefit from this program.

Master Woodland Managers Trained – An increased focus on the improvement and expansion of tree resources in Iowa started the Master Woodland Manager program. Volunteers are trained to manage their own woodlands and stimulate others to improve their management. A class was held in Warren County with cooperation of area county conservation board staff, the local state forester, ISU faculty and ISU Extension staff.



Amanda Brown and Christen Sondag gave their educational presentation to the judge as part of their work in the area of 4-H Communications.



Warren County Master Gardeners maintain a perennial garden at the Extension office.



Jim Goodhue shares the history of his family's farm near Carlisle with ISU Dean of Agriculture Catherine Woteki and new faculty during a visit to Warren County in September.

Warren County Extension brings Iowa State University to you

Iowa State University Extension serves Iowans through six program areas: Agriculture and Natural Resources; Business and Industry; Communities; Families; 4-H Youth Development; and Continuing Education. Warren County Extension brings the university to you.

Agricultural programming examples - Field specialists serve the needs of conventional commodity farmers and acreage farmers through individual contacts and training meetings. Livestock producers had access to "Hoofprints," an electronic monthly newsletter, information on pasture management, and stock-piled grazing through individual consultations, summer twilight pasture walks, and winter meetings.

Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) for youth producers – Iowa 4-H youth produce more than 13 million pounds of meat each year. They are expected to follow the same rules and regulations as other food producers to provide a safe, high quality food product. One hundred sixty-two beef, swine, and sheep exhibitors were FSQA certified in 2004.

Master gardeners share knowledge with the community - The Master Gardener perennial garden at the Extension office is one way master gardeners share their gardening knowledge every year. The group planned five public educational programs in 2004 and assisted Indianola Park and Recreation with the Think Spring Garden Seminar. A total of 486 volunteer hours were reported in 2004.

Community looks to the future – ISU graduate studio class CRP532 is currently partnering with an Extension field specialist to develop and write a comprehensive plan for the town of Hartford. A series of town meetings have helped create a vision of Hartford today and how the community views its future development. Like many other towns, Hartford feels it needs to plan and direct its future growth and attempt to answer the questions of what goods and services are needed and how they will be provided.

Child Care Availability and Quality – Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) employees Val Cameron, provider services coordinator, and Angela Davis, home consultant, assisted child care providers with state registration, training requirements, and day-to-day issues. Warren County training sessions were held in 12 subject areas with 938 people attending, an increase of 11 percent from last year. CCR&R subcontracted with ISU Extension to provide these services in both Warren and Madison counties. The Empowerment Boards in these counties provided additional money to cover staff time, home visits, training, and mini-grants.

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