



For the Citizens of Warren County

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For each dollar that Warren County spends for Extension Programs, local citizens can gain the benefit of \$.39 in federal tax funds; \$.95 in state tax funds; and \$1.63 of volunteer time.

Iowa State University Extension delivers educational opportunities that make life better, healthier, safer, and more profitable for individuals and communities. Here are a few examples of the many ways ISU Extension in Warren County delivers to citizens.

Wine industry strengthens Iowa's economy – Iowa has more commercial grape vineyards today than at any time since the 1940s. There are 330 commercial wine grape vineyards and 65 wineries in the state. Warren County has three wineries and 35 commercial vineyards. Mike White, Extension's viticulture specialist, has played a major role in the growth of this industry; his outreach efforts include serving as an advisor to the Iowa Wine Growers Association, the Iowa Grape and Wine Development Commission, and the Iowa Wine Cooperative. Mike also works closely with Extension's campus-based enologist (wine making scientist).

Family Nutrition Program leads to healthy children and strong families – ISU Extension families and nutrition staff members have worked with adults and pregnant teens in Warren and Madison counties to help them prepare nutritious meals, raise healthy children, and develop strong families. One hundred percent of the participants made a positive change in one or more areas, including nutrition, food resource management, and food safety.

4-H and youth programs target varied interests – More than 396 Warren County 4-H'ers learned life skills this year through 4-H programs. Warren County has 20 community and two Clover Kids clubs. Extension staff members worked with 20 youth at special interest day camps and child care clinics. School enrichment activities such as Toys in Space, global positioning systems, and biotechnology reached 239 youth and encouraged science and technology literacy. Extension partnered on these programs with local park and recreation boards, county conservation boards, and schools.

Youth Health & Fitness – an ISU Extension Program Coordinator, with the assistance of a Mid Iowa Health Foundation Grant, worked with the Carlisle Community School Junior High Principal and PE teacher to plan the PE program considering the facility at their new school. Student health was accessed and equipment was purchased. A trip to the PE 4-Life Academy in Naperville, IL, also provided a new vision and direction for their future PE program. ISU Extension staff also helped facilitate a Wellness Committee to complete a wellness policy that was required by the fall of 2006.



Warren County State Fair 4-H'ers
These are some of the 4-H'ers that had their projects selected from the county fair to be shown at the Iowa State Fair.



4-H leaders collaborate and learn new techniques to take back to their clubs.



CCR&R training attendees have more training choices due to different modes of delivery. These providers are viewing a Penn State presentation that included satellite and local activities.

Warren County Extension delivers

In Warren County, Iowa State University Extension delivers research-based educational opportunities to manufacturers, families, youth, agribusinesses, and communities to advance Iowa's economy in the following ways:

4-H participation makes a difference – Young people who participate in 4-H clubs do better in school, are more motivated to help others, and are developing skills in leadership, public speaking, self-esteem, communication and planning, and are making lasting friendships.

4-H'ers earn Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) certification – 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. More than 125 beef, swine, rabbit, poultry, and sheep exhibitors were FSQA certified in 2006.

Program addresses child care availability and quality – Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) subcontracted with ISU Extension and employs a provider services coordinator and a home consultant who assist child care providers with state registration, training requirements, and day-to-day issues. ISU Extension in Warren County held more than 200 hours of training in 12 subject areas this year. Providers contacted staff 1,842 times with questions about their child care businesses. These services are funded through Warren County Empowerment and Region 4 Child Care Resource and Referral. In 2006, the Warren County Empowerment Board also funded time for parent referral services. Local staff completed 174 referrals and 263 web referrals.

Special meetings offer 4-H'ers specific project help – Special 4-H meetings are offered in various project areas. The horse enrollees meet during the winter and begin riding sessions in April to improve their skills. Dog obedience classes also start in April. Weekly lessons give the members and their dogs a chance to practice the skills they will demonstrate at the county fair. This year beef project and meat goat meetings were added. The beef meetings help members make decisions about selection, feeding, and preparing to show their animals. Two meat goat meetings were held to introduce interested members to a new project area.

Pesticide Training for Private and Commercial Operators – In 2006, our office held training and recertification for 115 private operators and 11 commercial operators. These meetings provide producers with current information on Iowa law, proper use of chemicals, new research, and updates on local pest problems.

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