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2010 Clover Corp
Seven young adults have joined the ISU Extension offices in northeast Iowa as summer program assistants for the 4-H and youth programs. These young people will be leading over 60 day camps and workshops this summer. Several of them will also provide county fair support to the county ISU Extension offices. Pictured in front from left to right: Heather Carpenter, Howard County; Jada Pleggenkuhl, Chickasaw County; Michaela Collins, Allamakee County; Beth Rau, Fayette County. Back row (L to R): Gabe Twedt and Melissa Brincks, Ossian Summer Kids Club; and Nate Weber, Clayton County.

ISU Extension summer day camps provide a learning experience in a safe environment with professional staff. Camp curricula draw on the knowledge base of Iowa State University Extension and the 4-H program with a century of experience in positive youth development. Brochures for the day camps were distributed at area schools and are available on the county ISU Extension office webpages. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu and click on your county. Submitted photo.

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A Different Way to Plant
About 125 people attended a field day featuring specialized farm equipment hosted by Kyle and Mari Holthaus of rural Waukon. Windridge Implements displayed a wide range of equipment including seeders, tillers, transplanters, and mulchers for local food production. Here, workers demonstrate one of the seedling transplanters. Submitted photo.

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Food and Fitness Hosts Local Food Tours in June
Northeast Iowa residents have the opportunity to experience “food and fitness” in their own communities in June. The county Food & Fitness Team leaders in Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek counties have arranged for fun, family outings which include tours of local farms, active living projects and great local food.

The tours are hosted by the Northeast Iowa Food & Fitness Initiative (FFI), a project of the W.K. Kellogg Food & Community program. FFI strives to help families experience healthy, locally grown foods and opportunities for physical activity and play every day.

This opportunity to learn more about the local food system was made possible by numerous partners and organizations. The events are free and open to the public. Food and transportation are provided;
therefore, reservations are required for planning. Tour details and online registration is available at www.iowafoodandfitness.org.

The Allamakee County event will be June 5 and features tours of Village Creek Farm and Rockytopp Farm near Lansing, a picnic lunch and free swimming at the Waukon pool. Call the Waukon Wellness Center for more information, 563-568-0074.

The Clayton County event will be June 9 at 6 pm and will feature tours of Nature Haven Farm and Clayton Ridge Farm near Guttenberg. Participants will also learn more about the Turkey River Corridor Trail project. Call Strawberry Point Economic Development for more information, (563) 933-4417.

Local meat lockers will be featured on the Howard County tour on June 15 at 4:45 pm. After stops at Polashek's Locker, Elma Locker and County Line Locker, supper will be served at the Riceville Welcome Center. Call the Howard County Extension office to register, 563-547-3001.

The Winneshiek County event will start at the Decorah High School garden on June 16 at 4:30 pm. G It's Fresh and Prairievie Vineyard will showcase their vegetable and grape production. Call the Decorah Library for more information at 563-382-3717.

The Fayette County event will feature visits to Koehn's Berries & Produce, Fairfield Farm and Runyon's Orchard. The tour and meal will be held on June 17 at 4 pm. Call the Fayette County Economic Development office for more information, 563-422-5073.

In Chickasaw County, the vegetable and vineyard research plots at the NE Iowa Research Farm near Nashua will be featured on June 21 at 6 pm. Following the tour, there will be a potluck meal at the new Norman Borlaug Learning Center. Call the Chickasaw County Extension office for more information, 641-394-2174.

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**News Release**

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**Training for Pork Producers Offered on June 17**

FAYETTE -- The Iowa Pork Industry Center and Iowa State University Extension are teaming up to provide training for pork producers and others who need certification in Pork Quality Assurance Plus® (PQA Plus®) and Transporter Quality Insurance (TQA). Programs have been scheduled for Thursday, June 17 in Fayette, according to ISU Extension swine specialist Mark Storlie.

“The date has been changed to June 17 to encourage producers to attend the 2010 World Pork Expo which is being held in Des Moines on June 9 and 10”, noted Storlie.

“Tyson Fresh Meats requires pork producers to have PQA Plus® certification by June 30,” said Storlie.

“Some packers will also be requiring a “PQA Plus® Site Status” by the end of the year,” he said. “It’s important to communicate with your packer to clarify the requirements and plan ahead.”

The programs will be held at the Fayette County Extension Office, 201 E. Clark, in Fayette. TQA® will be offered 1 to 3 pm and the PQA Plus® session will be from 3 to 5 pm. Attend one program or both, but pre-registration is required by calling (563) 425-3331. Certification will cost $25 per person for one program or $30 per person for both programs.

A “PQA Plus® Site Status” is earned by having a PQA Plus® site assessment conducted by a PQA Plus® Advisor. A list of approved advisors is available at the National Pork Board Web site, www.pork.org. Questions may be directed to Mark Storlie by phone at (563) 425-3331 or mstorlie@iastate.edu.
Other Releases

Ask the ISU Extension Garden Experts: About Trees
Tree questions are answered in this week's column, including how much to water newly planted trees and whether to be concerned about leaf dropping sycamores and maples with hair-like growths.

Iowa State University Extension news releases are available on the World Wide Web at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/.

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