

Highlights from Region 8 March 2018

Bullet Points from Rich

- 97 educational events were held in February and 107 events are scheduled for March.
www.extension.iastate.edu/calendar/default.asp
- The 2017 ISU Extension and Outreach annual report is available online.
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/our-story/2017-iowa-state-university-extension-and-outreach-annual-report>
- County stakeholder reports for 2017 are available online.
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/countyservices/county-stakeholder-reports>
- Nominations for a new Iowa Extension Council Association (IECA) representative to replace Mary Giese are due March 30.
https://www.iaextensioncouncils.org/files/page/files/NominationQ%26A_0.pdf

Extension Council Conference

We hope to see council members, as well as county staff, at the statewide IECA conference Saturday, March 10 in Ames. Attendees will learn about the role of a council member, have fun and feel recharged about their work with extension.
<https://www.iaextensioncouncils.org/extension-council-conference-register-now>

Powerful Tools Training



Seven people participated in a Powerful Tools for Caregivers training in Story County Jan. 24-25. The training was led by Human Sciences Specialists Malisa Rader and Kristi Cooper

Agronomy in the Field

Story County hosted the third winter session of Agronomy in the Field Jan. 24. Ruth MacDonald, interim dean in Iowa State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, spoke about the US food system and touched on the importance of consumers in determining projects that will end up on store shelves. Ten participants attended live and

more attended online using Zoom. You can view the Zoom recording at the link below.

<https://iastate.app.box.com/s/71f8f7m6eltx8lu9haaskdsw7hvwpijz/folder/40335997285>

Extension in Action

- The Master Gardener program has announced 26 recipients of its Growing Together mini-grant program. All four counties in Region 8 will receive project funding through the SNAP-Education Program. The projects focus on increasing food security.
- Seventeen new and 12 current volunteers attended the 4-H volunteer training on Jan. 13 in Story County.
- Story County is offering the Kids in the Kitchen program Feb. 12 in Colo for youth in grades 4-6 to learn about food groups and kitchen safety. The On Their Own and OK program will be offered six times in February and March. This program is for youth in grades 4-6 who may begin staying home on their own for short periods.
- Forty-five new and experienced judges attended training for 4-H judges Jan. 27 in Toledo, learning about project area standards, judging criteria and copyright.
- Boone and Story Counties are celebrating their centennials in 2018. Follow them on Facebook or on twitter. @ISUExtStory or @isuextboone

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Congratulations to the Story County 4-H robotics team, which is moving on to the state championship tournament.



Nine youth participated in Ricochet Jan. 14-15 in Story City. Participants in grades 5-7 learned about five dimensions of leadership and will be

collecting money for Blank Children's Hospital Feb. 1-22 as their service project.



Eight youth attended the first meeting on Jan. 26 of the STEM club at Marshalltown's Woodbury

Elementary, a bilingual school. Extension staff hope to replicate this club and create learning communities at other schools in the community. Marshalltown High School 4-H'ers interested in teaching careers are serving as mentors.



The Canine and Clovers 4-H Dog Group hosted a Boone County family fun night, raising \$3,000 for

new bullet and stab-proof vests for the two dogs with the Boone County Sheriff's Department.