

Highlights from Region 8 June 2018

Bullet Points from Rich

- 91 educational events were held in May and 200 events are scheduled for June. A new record!!!!
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- June is National Dairy Month. Visit the ISU Dairy Farm's open house on Friday, June 8 from 6-11 a.m. at 52740 260th Street near Ames.
- Welcome to our summer staff.
Boone – Landon Calderwood
Hardin – Samantha Hasper
Marshall – Carrie Gaier, Jaden Moo, Megan Pensagrau and Mikaela Koster

Master Gardeners Raise More Than \$12,000 at Plant Sale

Annually over Mother's Day weekend, the Story County Master Gardener Association, along with three other groups, hosts the Plant Sale Extravaganza at Reiman Gardens in Ames. This year's total sales amounted to \$38,598, of which Master Gardeners raised \$12,804. Half of that amount came from selling plants donated by Master Gardeners from their personal gardens.

Meet Our New Story County Youth Coordinator



Kalli Olson is the new county 4-H youth coordinator for Story County. She was a nine-year 4-H'er in Wright County

and is excited to continue her 4-H adventures in Story County. Since starting, she has made connections with staff, families and volunteers while working on fair deadlines, State 4-H Conference registration, meetings and shadowing others within extension.

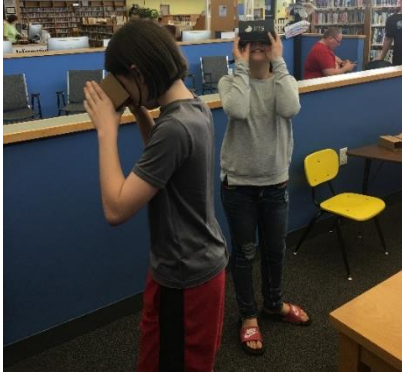
Finances of Caregiving



Twenty people participated in a five-session Finances of Caregiving program held in Hardin

County April 12 through May 10. The program focused on tools and strategies to assist caregivers in protecting their own financial well-being and maximizing the financial and physical well-being of the person for whom they are caring. Human Sciences Specialist Barb Wollan taught the program.

FLEX Program in Huxley



Mary Wilkins and Katie Williams led the STEM FLEX program that introduces youth to technologies such as 3D

printing, electrical circuits and virtual reality software. Groups were encouraged to experiment using the Little Bits kits, Google Cardboard VR and the ISU Virtual Reality Roller Coaster Simulator.

Summer School Garden Program



Marshall County visited students at three schools to get them ready for summer. At Franklin Elementary, they planted “chia pets” – grass seed in clear cups with their faces on them. Two volunteers and Marshall County staff also visited St.

Francis Elementary. Many youth participated in seed plantings and got to learn more about the summer garden program at their school. At Hoglan Elementary’s family picnic day, Marshall County staff got the word out about the summer gardens to more than 100 youth. From these three visits, more than 175 youth learned about their school’s summer garden program.

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Hardin County Horse Arena



The Hardin County 4-H Horse Project Group raised more than \$20,000 to

renovate the horse arena at the Hardin County Fairgrounds in Eldora. Renovations included expanding the size of the arena, new fencing, new announcer stand and sound system, and new sand base. \$7,000 of the the funds came from a grant from the Hardin County Community Endowment Foundation.

Grant Writing 101



Boone area nonprofit professionals and volunteers gained grant

writing and fund searching skills at “Grant Writing 101” led by Community Development Specialist Jane Goeken.

Boone County Master Gardeners



Boone County Master Gardener Gayle Rinehart found some interesting things during the Boone County Donation Garden Cleanup Day. Boone County Master Gardeners are partnering with Stonebridge

Church, IMPACT Community Action and Salvation Army of Boone to provide garden fresh produce for families in need this summer.