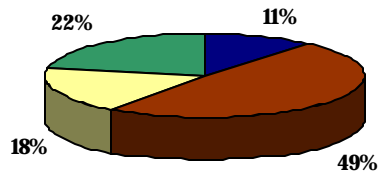


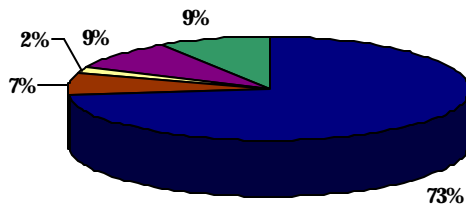
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- State
- County Board
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- Salaries/Wages
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- Travel
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## ***Message from the County Director***

University of Illinois Extension is about learning. We provide educational programs and research-based information enabling local citizens to make practical decisions that improve the quality of their lives.

The nationwide network of Extension programs began in 1914 as a means of presenting land-grant university research in understandable and useful ways to farmers and rural families. Today, Extension serves both urban and rural areas by offering programs in four broad areas: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Community & Economic Development and Nutrition, Family & Consumer Sciences. Local citizens on an advisory council provide direction for our programming within these four areas.

The past year proved to be a successful year. University of Illinois Extension, Cass/Schuyler has provided youth, adults, businesses, farmers and others with numerous informative programs in the disciplines noted above.

In this report you will find a review of our programming during the past year as well as a financial report. For additional information on any of the mentioned activities, please contact us. We are anxious to provide continued support of your needs through research based educational programming



Rhonda Ferree

***Rhonda Ferree  
Interim County Extension Director  
Cass/Schuyler Unit***

### ***Inspiring Youth 4-H Youth Development***

- Providing in-school enrichment, after-school and out-of-school programs using the experiential learning model to over 2,000 youth.
- Providing teacher and volunteer trainings on a variety of topics.
- Offering a variety of youth programs including character education and interpersonal skills, college and workforce preparation, farm safety, horse clinics, leadership, plant care, personal safety, service learning, and nutrition and physical activity.
- Providing 4-H community clubs for 300 members.
- Offering summer camps, summer outings, career field trips, and community service and youth leadership opportunities.
- Offering regional, state, and national conferences/conventions for youth.
- Providing project and Cloverbud workshops for all area youth.
- Providing youth programs to growing Hispanic population in school and the community.
- Providing annual Babysitting Clinics, Camp Clover Day Camp, and Community Garden service learning experiences to all area youth.
- Providing annual county and state 4-H Fair project exhibit opportunities.
- Providing annual awards and recognition to 4-H members and leaders.

### ***Strengthening Resources Agriculture & Natural Resources***

- Offering pesticide applicator training, cow-calf nutrition, instant diagnosis of crops, pests and diseases, individual consultation with Ag specialists.
- Training for Master Gardeners and other volunteer programs.
- Offering a Conservation Day at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area for over 350 youth and adults.
- Offering an Ag and Farm Safety Day at the Cass County Fairgrounds for over 700 youth.

### ***Building Communities Community & Economic Development***

- Working with local and state leaders to advance projects that will provide jobs and enhance the quality of life in Cass and Schuyler Counties.
- Provide user-friendly informational support to local citizens for business development.
- Continuing a Youth Leadership Academy to cultivate skills in informed future community leaders
- Working with educators, businesses, and others to assist the Hispanic community with training in needed life skills
- Planning Community SWAP Programs
- Working with the Cass and Schuyler Tourism Committees to increase the number of tourists visiting Cass and Schuyler Counties, especially the Lincoln Sites and parks and recreation areas
- Plan and deliver programs that help local businesses increase their customer base and/or expand it

### ***Promoting Wellness Nutrition, Family & Consumer Sciences***

- Promoting financial stability, improving family relations and better nutritional habits.
- Providing, through the Family Nutrition Program, ongoing programs to improve nutrition, food safety, and stretching food dollars to 1500 adults and children with limited financial resources. Outreach to senior adults and Senior Centers. Informational support to expectant mothers.
- Teaching parenting skills to nurture positive parent-child relations to 60 "at-risk" families.
- Enrolling 20 families with newborn babies to receive Spanish or English versions of newsletters on early childhood development and parenting.
- Presenting programs on diabetes, proper dieting methods, teamwork, reminiscing for elderly parents to pass on family heritage, and putting balance in your life.