The Audubon County Extension Council has been elected by the people of the county to guide local educational programming by partnering with extension staff. From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents you and your issues. We are always serving Iowans and we are here for you. Now. Always.

Thank you for your support.

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2021 IN AUDUBON COUNTY

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State research and resources. We listen, learn, and work with the people of Audubon County for a #STRONGIOWA.

Serving the People of Audubon County

As Iowans adjusted to life during the COVID-19 pandemic, ISU Extension and Outreach continued to prioritize health and safety as we delivered research-based education to the people of Audubon County. During 2021 we focused on the following efforts. Reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy. Helping youth attain their goals and learn life skills. Making an effort in reducing the stigma surrounding the mental health epidemic.

Showcasing 4-H at the County Fair

The Audubon County Fair returned in 2021, providing the opportunity for youth to demonstrate what they had learned through their 4-H project work over the past year. 4-H continues to be strong in Audubon County involving over 170 youth in grades K-12 in year-round community clubs and the Clover Kids program.
Working toward Recovery

As our state works toward recovery, ISU Extension and Outreach Audubon County has been

- supporting Iowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy.
- engaging Iowans in addressing mental health.

In the Spring of 2021, thirteen representatives from various community organizations, local government and schools participated in our Grant Writing 101 workshop. This hands-on workshop covered topics on the challenges of seeking and using grant funding, project planning, parts of a grant application and tips for success.

During Extension Week, 263 care packages were delivered to all of the employees of the healthcare facilities in our county. The care packages showcased mental health and other resources available through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

ISU Extension and Outreach Audubon County hosted a ServSafe© food safety certification course in August 2021. Eight food service personnel participated. The course covers food safety practices such as proper personal hygiene, cleaning and sanitizing, purchasing food from safe sources, preventing cross contamination, and cooking/holding food at the correct temperatures. This helps increase food safety skills and knowledge and decrease the risk of foodborne illness in and around Audubon County. ISU Human Sciences Specialist in Nutrition and Wellness, Ann Parker, was the instructor for the course.

Audubon, Shelby and Harrison counties hosted a Question. Persuade. Refer (QPR) training for professionals that work with youth. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught Gatekeeper training in the world. The QPR mission is to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training.

Looking ahead to 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach Audubon County will support our county by providing relevant, research based programming to help the citizens of Audubon County thrive. We will continue our efforts in helping revive the Iowa economy and provide resources and education surrounding mental health.

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