2020 IN BREMER 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 Bremer County for a #STRONGIOWA:

- Sustainable ENVIRONMENTS
- Thriving COMMUNITIES
- Resilient PEOPLE
- Future LEADERS

Serving the People of Bremer County

- ISU Extension and Outreach Bremer County began early 2020 focused that first quarter on growing 4-H and our annual Omelet Breakfast (that usually feeds over 700+), soil health and fertility, food production and safety, plus the large Hawkeye Farm Show.

Adjusting to the Pandemic

As the COVID-19 pandemic changed daily life, ISU Extension and Outreach prioritized health and safety as we developed new ways to bring research-based education to the people of Bremer County. We remained open for business and we continued to educate, engage, and serve Iowans. To protect staff, but still serve the public:

- While the office was closed in mid-March, one staffed the office alone while the others worked remotely
- After re-opening for clients this summer, signage recommends visitors use facemasks (provided), and maintain social distancing.

The Bremer County Extension Council has been elected by the people of the county to guide local educational programming by partnering with extension staff. From needs assignment 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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Providing a County Fair Experience

Although the traditional fair was not possible because of the pandemic, ISU Extension and Outreach Bremer County worked with our partners to provide an alternate experience to demonstrate and showcase the work of our 4-H youth.

- State Fair style Static Judging
- Virtual Communication submission and judging
- One day “Show and Go” style Livestock Shows
- Live Streaming on Facebook: @iowaStateExtensionOutreachBremerCounty
- Registration to attend shows (4 members per family not including 4-Hers)
- limited the number of people on the grounds (250)
- Pre– recorded videos for Fair Prep

Planning for Recovery

ISU Extension and Outreach Bremer County is determined to help Iowans help each other. Looking ahead to 2021, we will Engage Iowans in improving food supply, safety, and access, as a major focus.

ISU Extension and Outreach Bremer County will engage Iowans in these areas with education for those who are creating a stable food supply, from large commercial agricultural farms to smaller community gardens and farmers markets. We offer training on best practices that preserve food safety and prevent foodborne illness, from the farm to restaurants and family kitchens. We educate individuals about nutrition and assist communities that want to support local agriculture and develop community food systems. We also build partnerships and coalitions to bridge the gaps so all Iowans can access the food they need. ISU Extension and Outreach Bremer County will help expand the Waverly Community Sharing Garden and Orchard which grew 8,974 pounds of fresh produce to area social service agencies and the Northeast Iowa Food

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