We have identified these local issues as priority topics for current and future programming:

- Economic Development
- Food and the Environment
- Health and Well-being
- K-12 Youth Outreach

K-12 Youth Outreach

Buchanan County K-12 outreach programming connects youth with Iowa State University’s knowledge and research base to help them reach their full potential. Education and positive youth development experience are offered year round throughout the county. K-12 outreach includes 4-H as well as programs for all ages through schools, libraries and other community partner locations.

Some of the activities enjoyed by youth this year included:

- Jesup Career Fair
- Youth County Council
- Butterfly Day Camp
- FSQA
- Poultry Clinic
- Dog & Horse Clinics
- Green Thumb Garden Camp
- Home Garden Judging
- Communications Day

- Everything But the Kitchen Sink Day Camp
- Environmental Field Day
- Buchanan County Fair
- State Fair
- Awards Night
- Farm Safety Day
- Camp in a Can
- Veterinary Clinics
Health and Well-being
Our local staff provides many workshops and seminars on caregiving, financial, parenting, nutrition and physical health.

A sampling of programs and help we offered this year were:

- Estate Planning Seminar
- Smart Investing
- Money Smart Week
- Spend Smart, Eat Smart
- Live Healthy Iowa
- Indee Go-Healthy
- Food Safety for Groups
- Budgeting Workshop
- Healthy Snack Promotion & Programs

Food and the Environment
In our community we provide resources to assist with commercial and private agriculture, environmental protection and enhancement, risk management, farm management and transition planning, regional foods systems, Master Gardener courses, and food safety.

Economic Development
Programs and services we offer help to strengthen local business and community. Resources are available through CIRAS (Center for Industrial Research and Service). Contact us with your needs in workforce development, company growth and productivity, or community sustainability.

To promote our community we participated in the following areas:

- Help with Disaster Relief
- Riverwalk & Portage Committee
- Affordable Care Act Workshop for Professionals
- Sustainable Independence
- Farmland Leasing Meetings
- Watershed Project
- Main Street Independence

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