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## 2018 IN BUTLER COUNTY

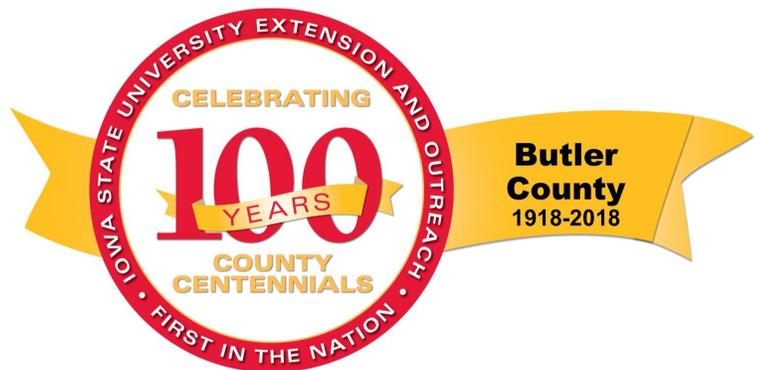
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources. We are working with the people of Butler County for what we all want: a strong Iowa.

### Butler County Extension Council

Every Iowa county has an elected extension council that guides local educational programming by partnering with staff. From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents the issues and people of the county.

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

- Agriculture and the Environment
- K-12 Youth Outreach
- Health and Well-Being
- Community and Economic Development



### Agriculture and the Environment

Agriculture is a staple in Butler County and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Butler County is dedicated to providing quality educational programs to serve the agriculture community.

**Women Marketing Grain** This year Butler County Extension partnered with neighboring counties to serve Women in Ag through a Women Grain Marketing workshop in February. Twenty-two ladies joined us! In November we offered the Women Marketing Grain course, a Women in Ag program. This 4-week course taught the women to identify crop prices and marketing costs, understand price movements, understand and utilize crop marketing tools, and develop a crop marketing plan with price, time and financial goal in mind. Twelve women completed the course.

### Extension Council Members

We want communities and farmers to thrive, and families and children to be healthy. And eventually we want to turn the world over to the next generation better than we found it.

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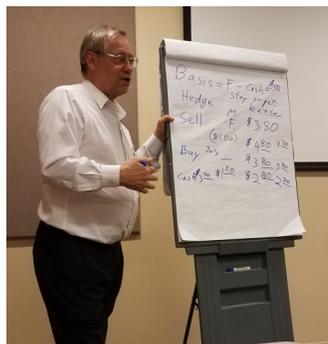
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### Growing Season Summer Webcast Series

Three Master Gardener workshops were held at the Parkersburg public library and open to the public. Workshop topics: Insect Update and Tree Care, Compost 101 and Growing Roses, Local Bees and Organic Vegetables. Local guest speakers included Michael Luebbers, NRCS, and Dan Borchardt, Pheasants Forever.

**Other programs** Butler County Extension continued to serve the ag community through the Farmland Leasing Meeting and Continuing Instruction Courses including private and commercial pesticide applicator trainings and manure applicator trainings.

### K-12 Youth Outreach

Youth continue to be a priority for Butler County Extension. We strive to serve as many youth as we can through our 4-H programs, school programs, and summer camps. This year we had 285 4-H Club and Clover Kid program participants—a 5% increase from 2017!

### Ricochet: An Extreme Leadership Adventure

Ricochet debuted in Butler County with the Clarksville 6th grade classroom. The students spent 9 weeks exploring the 5 dimensions of leadership—Leadership Information, Leadership Attitudes, Communication, Decision Making, and Stress Management—through hands on activities and reflective journal work.

**Progressive Agriculture Safety Day®** This year 149 4th grade students from Aplington-Parkersburg, Clarksville, and North Butler Schools attended the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day on May 3rd to learn about being safe and healthy on farms, ranches and at home. More than 50 community partners and volunteers donated time and resources.

**Other programs** included Staying Safe on My Own to teach 4th grade youth how to be independent when home alone, Summer Day Camps about plant science and veterinary science, library programs, and a variety of other livestock clinics for 4-H members.

### Health and Well-Being

ISU Extension and Outreach continues to serve Butler County through Childcare Provider Trainings and Fresh Conversations. We continue to seek out and address the needs of Butler County.

### Community and Economic Development

A statewide contract with the Department of Human Services provides ongoing training related to high quality child care indicator. In Butler County, six preschool professionals completed the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale version 3 (ECERS-3). Over the course of the 4-night series, professionals use information they learn in class to self-assess their preschool environments and then create an improvement plan. Indicators on the ECERS-3 have been linked to positive child outcomes. Completion of the course is part of Iowa's Quality Rating System for early childhood.

Butler County Extension implemented a *Spirit of Cy Community Service Project* collecting and donating essentials to Cedar Valley Friends of the Family. 4-H Clubs and community members together donated more than 300 items!

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