2020 IN BUTLER 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 Butler County for a #STRONGIOWA:

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

### Serving the People of Butler County

ISU Extension and Outreach Butler County began 2020 focused on the following efforts:

- **We began our focus on programming within these four priority topics:** Agriculture and the Environment, K-12 Youth Outreach, Health and Well-being, and Community and Economic Development.

### 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 Butler County. We remained open for business and we continued to educate, engage, and serve Iowans.

- **Our office handled the early days of the pandemic by being closed to the public but still working in the office to educate, engage, and serve Butler County.**

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**The Butler 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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We reopened to the public in July. We are disinfecting regularly, providing masks, our front desk has shield, and we are doing everything we can to provide a safe environment to serve those in Butler County.

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

Butler County 4-H/FFA Static (non-livestock projects) and Livestock Shows looked different this year. Static (non-livestock projects) were held non-conference judging style with virtual results and display. Livestock Shows were one-day, show and go events. We made these shows possible by limiting the crowd size and attendees. These shows were NOT open to the public. We limited guest allocation per exhibitor family. We appreciate all of our county supporters. We are very thankful that the Butler County Fair Board provided all the livestreaming of our events for other supporters to watch who couldn’t be there in person!

Planning for Recovery
ISU Extension and Outreach Butler County is determined to help Iowans help each other. Looking ahead to 2021, we will

Focus on addressing the economic problems caused by COVID-19 in the county and provide education to counteract them.

ISU Extension and Outreach Butler County will

- Help teach residents to manage this current economic issue and to be prepared for future economic impacts
- Help bring life skills education for youth including financial education
- Assist current small business through partnership for education opportunities, focusing on initiatives to bring new businesses to the county
- Assisting farmers/producers in financial planning to be able to meet their needs for continuation, which may include transition plans for family farms.

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