



## 2021 IN MARION 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 Marion County for a #STRONGIOWA.



**Sustainable  
ENVIRONMENTS**



**Thriving  
COMMUNITIES**



**Resilient  
PEOPLE**



**Future  
LEADERS**



**The Marion 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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### Serving the People of Marion 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 Marion County. During 2021 we focused on the following efforts:

- Youth gained educational experience through workshops and summer programming. All experiences were research-based and provided hands-on-learning.
- Trunk or Treat was hosted where local businesses and 4-H clubs were asked to participate in the event. Over 250 youth walked through the door gaining information on Marion County 4-H.



- Hosted a Rain Barrel workshop. The workshop helped people to understand the benefits, set up and how to use the rain barrels. Each participant went home with a low cost barrel due to donation from partners.

## Showcasing 4-H at the County Fair

The Marion 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.

- Youth took the knowledge of the importance of write-ups, to make theirs stronger in 2021.
- Gained the confidence to share their knowledge with one on one conference judging.
- Youth gained the experience and independence of caring for their animal all week at fair.



## Working toward Recovery

As our state works toward recovery, ISU Extension and Outreach Marion County has been supporting Iowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy.

- Marion County hosted a Farm to Table event. Worked with local businesses and farms to make sure everything provided came from Marion County. The event had over 60 people in attendance.



- Made connections with local people and business to provide local programming.
- Marion County 4-H worked with Marion County Cattlemen to host a Feed the Farmer event. Over 300 hot meals were delivered to farmers across Marion County.



Looking ahead to 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach Marion County will:

- Provide program such as Farm to Table, Feed the Farmer and Trunk or Treat events again for Marion County residents. As well as, providing new programming in all areas.
- Continue to gain new partnerships and expand programming for all of Marion County.
- Add more support to expand youth summer programs. Partner with the Rising Star intern program to help in efforts.
- Continue to offer and expand Master Gardener program in Marion County.

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