



2021 IN MONROE 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 Monroe County for a #STRONGIOWA.



**Sustainable
ENVIRONMENTS**



**Thriving
COMMUNITIES**



**Resilient
PEOPLE**



**Future
LEADERS**



The Monroe 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 Monroe 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 Monroe County

- 2021 has brought many new exciting faces to the Monroe County Extension Office. We have a new County Youth Coordinator Shyla Elliott, new Office Assistant Amie Koffman and Interim Regional Director Gene Mohling. The new staff has been digging in with daily duties, learning the ropes, improving community relations, continuing programming like Private and Commercial Pesticide Trainings, BQCA Training, 4-H, Youth Day Camps and bringing in new educational programming to Monroe County.

Showcasing 4-H at the County Fair

The Monroe County Fair was alive in 2021, providing the opportunity for youth to demonstrate what they had



learned through their 4-H project work over the past year.

- The Monroe County Fair was very successful. We had 122 4-H exhibitors show 353 animals, 57 4-H exhibitors displayed 186 static exhibits. That is a total of 763 marvelous 4-H entries!
- Our summer AmeriCorps worker Mollie Solinger provided fun educational take along activities for the younger fairgoers. Some of the favorites were the Story Walk, Ice Cream in a Bag, BuzzBots, Marshmallow Catapult, Stick Horse and Wind to Lift a Load. Many thanks to our gracious donors for helping make these activities possible.
- Monroe County partnered with seven other counties 4-H programs to hold the first ever Great 4-H Road Trip. The event provided an opportunity for families to learn about other counties. Monroe County's feature was the Welcome Home



Soldier Memorial Monument where proper flag etiquette was demonstrated.

Working toward Recovery

As our state works toward recovery, ISU Extension and Outreach Monroe County has been prioritizing health and safety as we develop new ways to bring research-based education to the people of Monroe County.

- supporting lowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy.
- supporting lowans in improving financial security.
- engaging lowans in improving food supply, safety, and access.
- expanding educational opportunities for youth.
- engaging lowans in addressing mental health.

Looking ahead to 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach Monroe County will continue on positive forward projection, providing quality educational programming to adults and youth, continuing to improve community relations and growing the 4-H Youth Programming.

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