



#STRONGIOWA

2021 IN VAN BUREN 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 Van Buren County for a #STRONGIOWA.



**Sustainable
ENVIRONMENTS**



**Thriving
COMMUNITIES**



**Resilient
PEOPLE**



**Future
LEADERS**



The Van Buren 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 Van Buren 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 Van Buren County. During 2021 we focused on the following efforts:

- ServSafe Classes
- Food Preservation 101
- Canner Testing
- Pesticide Trainings
- Beef/Cattle in the Green
- Crops/Forage Field Day
- 4-H Club Meetings
- 4-H Workshops
- 4-H County Fair and State Fair

Showcasing 4-H at the County Fair

The Van Buren County Fair provided an opportunity for youth to demonstrate what they had learned through their 4-H project work over the past year.



County and State Fair Exhibit—Game Cleaning Station

Darrell Kruse has always ensured youth who wanted to participate in the market swine project area had pigs to show. Youth who purchase pigs through Darrell Kruse have their very own single-source class to show in at the Van Buren County Fair. This year 15 youth participated, which is the highest it has ever been.



Working toward Recovery

As our state works toward recovery, ISU Extension and Outreach Van Buren County has been supporting Iowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy. The Van Buren County Extension Council chose to address local economic recovery and improving the health of county residents and visitors for FY '21.

The council set aside funds for 10 ServSafe scholarships to award to operations and organizations located within the county who serve food to the public. When notified of the scholarship award, a recipient who owns and operates a bakery stated "I was wondering how many loaves of bread I would have to sell to pay for the class. Your support for this activity is a testimony of the council's commitment to lifelong learning and community outreach!"

Four photo boxes were made available for businesses to photograph items to showcase and advertise on "Shop Iowa" at no cost.



Shop Iowa — Local Honey



Canner Testing Clinic

Ten scholarships were awarded to pay registration fees or local beef producers to attend the "Cattle in the Green" program.

Master Gardener scholarships were offered to pay for registration fees upon completion of the course and volunteer requirements.

Looking ahead to 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach Van Buren County will host a "Van Buren County Road Trip" to showcase county businesses and let visitors know what Van Buren County has to offer.

We will continue to support small businesses, entrepreneurs, farmers, families and individuals with research-based training.

We will continue to grow our 4-H educational opportunities and showcase the work of our 4-H youth. We will provide age appropriate, online and offline learning experiences and resources for K-12 youth.

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