

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

STAKEHOLDER REPORT 2022

2022 IN SHELBY COUNTY

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach provides research-based education and engages Iowans in solving today's problems and preparing for a thriving future. We listen, learn, and work with the people of Shelby County for a #STRONGIOWA.



The Shelby 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 SHELBY COUNTY

In 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach Shelby County continued to support Iowans in reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy. As a result, small businesses, entrepreneurs, agri-businesses, and farmers connected with education and resources so they could remain financially solvent, find alternate markets, and increase their profitability.

Southwest Iowa Ag Team and Pollinator Seed

The Southwest Iowa Ag Team consists of area agriculture specialists, county ag program coordinators and regional directors. The team takes two tours a year, in the spring and fall. On September 8th, Shelby County was the host for Southwest Iowa Ag Team's Fall tour.

Shelby County's, Bill Buman and his daughter Chelsea, have a seed farm where they raise a variety of prairie flowers and grasses to be harvested and sold. Bill has engineered a great deal of the equipment that they use to plant, harvest and process the seed. He gave the Ag Team a complete tour of their greenhouse and fields, explained the planting process, and showed them the equipment used for harvesting, cleaning and packaging the seed. The tour provided valuable education for our team on pollinator seed production in Shelby County.



INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

The WHEP (National Wildlife Habitat Education Program) is a hands-on environmental education program providing youth the opportunity to learn about wildlife and their habitat in addition to habitat management practices.

Participants test their wildlife knowledge through a friendly competition. This year's event was held in May at the Neal Smith Wildlife Refuge. Shelby County had several of its eight-member team in attendance for this unique learning experience.



Shelby County currently has 238 youth and volunteer members in the county 4-H program. Shelby County is at 100% of their membership from 2021 and is striving to add more new members and volunteers each year.



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K-12 Youth Outreach—Summer Camps

Summer Camps are a strength of youth programming for ISU Extension and Outreach Shelby County. In 2022, 15 camps were held with over 100 in attendance. Camps ranged from Art in the Park with preschoolers to dinosaurs, bugs, circuitry and more for campers up to 8th grade.

One of the new camps included wellness instruction held at the Petersen Wellness Center with physical activities, mental health and nutritional health education. Another camp was called The Breakfast Club, with campers traveling all around Shelby County to collect food supplies to then prepare breakfast.

Campers started at the Danish Windmill in Elk Horn to get flour, then onto Connie Petersen's house in rural Shelby County to learn about garlic growing and harvesting from a Master Gardener. Campers then proceeded onto Rosmann Farms for eggs and sausage and finally to Farm Table Procurement for vegetables and cheese. Both new camps succeeded because of the great partnerships within Shelby County businesses and volunteers.

Supporting Local Business

Shelby County had ten 4-Hers participating in the State Camera Corps program in 2022. Five of them took part in a photo shoot for local businesses using the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce photo box to take professional photos. The participants sharpened their photography skills and learned a lot about supporting local businesses around the county.

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