

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

STAKEHOLDER REPORT 2022

2022 IN GUTHRIE 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 Guthrie County for a #STRONGIOWA.



The Guthrie 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 GUTHRIE COUNTY

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

Grant Writing 101 was held in June by Lindsay Henderson, extension community and economic development specialist, who presented to a group of local community members. Participants gained hands-on training in seeking and writing successful grant applications.

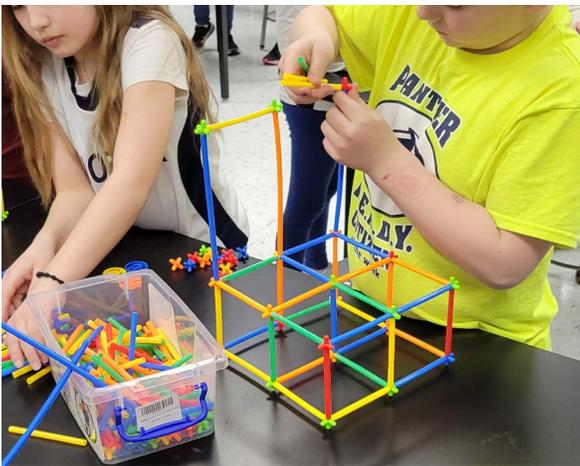
Wild Places in Guthrie County is our own twist on a tourism event held for a month during the summer. The goal with this event is to highlight five different locations around Guthrie County where youth, adults, and families can go and explore. We reach out to local experts and create a short, informational video about each location and put a QR code up at each spot. This was our second year for the event and we had 179 participants.



YOUTH OUTREACH - READ ACROSS IOWA

Read Across Iowa launched in March and began a month-long celebration to bring the joy of reading to kids of all ages. Our first effort was providing kits to 70 preschool through fifth-grade teachers at Adair Casey Elementary, Guthrie Center Elementary, Coon Rapids Bayard Elementary, Panorama Elementary, and West Central Valley Elementary. These kits include an agriculturally themed book and a hands-on lesson for the teachers to do with their students. Through our Read Across Iowa kit event we reached 1,685 youth.

Next, we were invited to Panorama Elementary School for a day. Youth read a book and then participated in an engineering activity. Kindergarten and first-grade students built tricky towers with pie pans, cups, pipe cleaners, and tape. Second and third-grade students participated in straw engineering by creating their own or similar structures to what they read about in the book. Fourth and fifth-grade students used Toobeez®, oversized construction tubes, to engineer one structure as a small group.



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FALL FEEL GOOD - MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN

This mental health campaign during the month of October focused on raising awareness of mental health in the agriculture industry. Farmers who were nominated by their peers received a bag of goodies full of resources to help them improve their mental health. Staff members reached 100 farmers across the county.

CHILDCARE PROVIDER TRAINING

Ann Parker, extension nutrition specialist, hosted a Childcare Provider Training in April in Guthrie Center. Nineteen providers from around Guthrie County and neighboring counties participated in the program. Gardening with children promotes a healthy lifestyle, early learning experiences, social development, and environmental stewardship. Participants engaged in experiential learning gardening activities through crafts, literacy, container gardening, and taste testing. Participants took home the curriculum to implement activities with the youth in their centers.



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