



2020 IN HANCOCK 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 Hancock County for a #STRONGIOWA:



Sustainable
ENVIRONMENTS



Thriving
COMMUNITIES



Resilient
PEOPLE



Future
LEADERS



The Hancock County Extension Council has been elected by the people of the county to guide local educational programming by partnering with extension staff. From needs assignment 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 Hancock County

ISU Extension and Outreach Hancock County began 2020 by hosting Ag Connect at Duncan Community Hall on February 5, exploring the present and future of agriculture.

- *Chad Hart, extension economist, spoke about markets, examining the factors shaping those markets and investigating how trade relationships impact farm prices and incomes.*
- *Motivational speaker Brenda Clark Hamilton spoke about the mentally strong ag leader.*
- *Steve Ferguson, Iowa Finance Authority, talked about several programs, including the Beginning Farmer Loan Program and Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Program.*
- *Darcy Maulsby, Iowa's Storyteller, told stories of the people of the land, taking a look into crops, livestock, and food-production technology.*

Adjusting to the Pandemic

As the COVID-19 pandemic changed daily life, ISU Extension and Outreach prioritized health and safety as we developed new ways to bring research-based education to the people of Hancock County. We remained open for business and we continued to educate, engage, and serve Iowans.

- *Hancock County staff worked remotely from March 18 until May 26. Programs were offered in virtual settings.*

Hancock County Holds Full County Fair

The Hancock County Fair was held July 28—Aug. 3.

- *Many hours of extra planning went into the fair to facilitate changes to reduce risks and maintain social distancing. Live show streaming was set up for all livestock shows as an option for those unable to attend the fair.*



Planning for Recovery

ISU Extension and Outreach Hancock County is determined to help lowans help each other. Looking ahead to 2021, we will prioritize programs to help revive the Iowa economy, support lowans in improving financial security, and expand educational opportunities for youth.

Educational programs will be offered in a wide variety of deliveries across multiple program areas helping to improve financial security. We will also continue to expand educational opportunities for youth by expanding project workshops and project clubs for youth. We will work to build partnerships with local businesses and experts so that youth have the opportunity to explore and learn new things.

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