

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

STAKEHOLDER REPORT 2022

2022 IN HUMBOLDT 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 Humboldt County for a #STRONGIOWA.



The Humboldt 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 HUMBOLDT COUNTY

In 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach Humboldt 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.

With Master Gardener and ServSafe® classes, we engaged Iowans in improving food supply, safety, and access. These efforts addressed local needs including nutrition education, donation gardens, farmers markets, and food system coalitions.

Through our 4-H program we expanded educational opportunities for youth with programs that sparked youth interest, supported academics, and promoted youth resiliency.

Continue reading to learn more about the efforts of ISU Extension and Outreach Humboldt County.



BABYSITTING CLINIC

In September, ISU Extension and Outreach Humboldt County held a Babysitting Clinic for students in grades 5-7. Participants learned the basics of CPR and home safety and how to make a healthy snack. The day concluded with discussions about the ages and stages of young children. Bank Iowa provided participants with information about money management and opening a savings account. Twenty-five participants attended the clinic.



FARMLAND LEASING AND MANAGEMENT

The 2022 Farmland Leasing and Management workshop was held Aug. 9. Kelvin Leibold, farm management specialist, presented information and updates on farmland leasing topics including current cash rental rates, land values and crop price survey results, determining a fair cash rent, tenant/landowner communications and legal aspects, and approaches to writing and terminating a farm lease. ISU Extension and Outreach web-based resources also were shared with participants.

MASTER GARDENERS

Humboldt County was involved in the regional coordination of the fall Master Gardener Hybrid Program with Hamilton and Webster counties. The fall program had seven participants learning to become Master Gardeners. This nine-week course is a combination of online materials and in-person sessions. Participants learned about plant propagation, visited the Soil Testing Lab in Ellsworth, learned about houseplant care and planting at Becker Florists in Fort Dodge, and heard a presentation about herbs. The series concluded with a panel of Master Gardeners discussing their volunteer experiences.

GRANT WRITING 101

In October, Lindsay Henderson, community and economic development specialist, facilitated a Grant Writing 101 workshop. During the three-hour workshop, participants learned how to locate available grants, tips on how to put together a well-written grant, and ways to make a submission stand out from competition. Participants represented local businesses, nonprofit organizations, ministerial associations, local governments, and schools.

RADON IN THE HOME

Kapil Arora, ag engineer, presented an informational meeting on radon in the home. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer. Radon is odorless and invisible, and can have a big impact on indoor air quality. Participants learned about ways to measure radon levels and what to do if levels are high. Each household attending received a free radon home test kit.

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