

WHAT WE WANT

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2019 IN JACKSON COUNTY

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources. We are working with the people of Jackson County for what we all want: a strong Iowa.

Jackson County Extension Council

Every Iowa county has an elected extension council that guides local educational programming by partnering with staff. From needs assessment through program implementation and evaluation of outcomes, the council represents the issues and people of the county.

We have identified these local issues as priority topics for current and future programming:

- Together We Build
- Calving Clinic
- Youth Philanthropy Board
- Theatre STEM Camp



Economic Development

The Jackson County Fair Board and Iowa State University Extension & Outreach/4H work together to provide research-based learning opportunities for our citizens. We anticipate trends, build relationships, and catalyze opportunities because we are part of the ongoing life of our communities, committed to healthy people, healthy environments, and healthy economies.

Extension Council Members

We want communities and farmers to thrive, and families and children to be healthy. And eventually we want to turn the world over to the next generation better than we found it.

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Together We Build: Letter Invitation

You are invited to join the Together We Build Campaign for a new Jackson County Fair and Iowa State Extension/4-H Outreach Center on the Jackson County Fairgrounds in Maquoketa. The Jackson County Fair Board, Extension Council, Board of Supervisors, and others have assembled a team to oversee the planning, fundraising, and construction of a new facility that will house ISU Extension and Outreach, Jackson County Office, a conference room, certified commercial kitchen, and a 300-seat, state-of-the-art Training/Event Center. We believe the Center will allow for the expansion of educational and training programs and opportunities with Extension while also offering the community an additional venue for meetings, parties, corporate events, etc. Located at the present site of Boyer Hall, it will also offer space for an expanded 4-H food stand at fair time, and larger restroom/shower facilities for those using the Fairgrounds throughout the year. We have partnered with the Community Foundation of Jackson County, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, to provide leadership, experience, and gift acknowledgement services for your tax records. If you have additional questions, please contact us, or any other member of the steering committee. Thank you for your consideration!

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With these goals in mind, the Jackson County Fair Board and Extension are joining forces to bring an Outreach Center to Jackson County. After more than a year of collaboration, we have a steering committee in place to oversee fundraising and building efforts. We are also excited to have the support of the Foundation of Jackson County, which will provide leadership and administrative services for this effort.

WHY AN OUTREACH CENTER?

An Outreach Center will allow us to strengthen families, empower youth and grow our communities by expanding educational and training programs with a focus on health and nutrition, STEM, and agriculture. It will also draw new programs and events to Jackson County, positively impacting our county's economic development.

Current facilities are unable to offer these same opportunities. Extension is currently housed in the basement of the Jackson County Courthouse and must offer the majority of its programs offsite due to increased security. Meanwhile, the Fair Board is facing the need for many costly repairs of its current facility.

The new center will address these challenges by including space for the Extension office as well as a conference room, a certified commercial kitchen, and a Training/Event Center with state-of-the-art technology for events and meetings. It will also offer space for an extended 4-H food stand at fair time as well as larger restroom/shower facilities for those using the Fairgrounds throughout the year.





Youth Philanthropy Board

PBnJ (Philanthropy Board in Jackson County) is a partnership between Jackson County Extension and the Community Foundation of Jackson County. The youth philanthropy board consists of sophomore-senior high school students from across the county. In September, we began the year with 26 members.

At the November awards ceremony for the Community Foundation of Jackson County, PBnJ was presented with \$2500 to be used for their grant process. Youth learn about the grant giving process from developing the application, marketing the grant to applicants, reviewing applications, allocation of funds and the grant presentations.

Along with the grant making process, youth also complete activities from Café Philanthropy to learn about philanthropy. Youth also complete a community needs assessment, meet with non-profits in their community and participate in service-learning projects at each meeting.



Participants were able to gain hands-on experience with difficult calving scenarios using, Frosty, the life-size cow model.

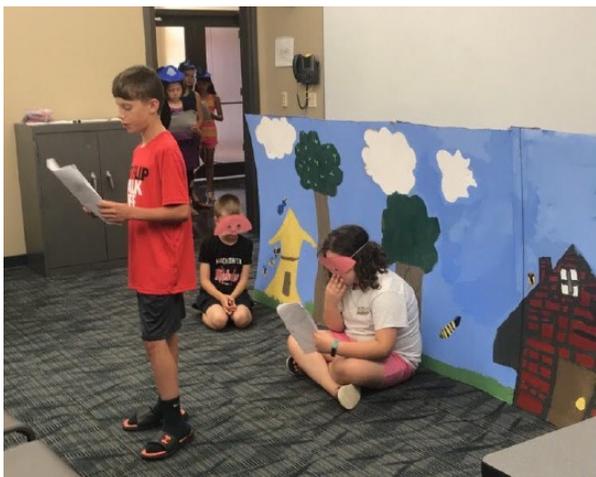
Food and Environment

86 dairy and beef producers attended an advanced calving clinic in early February in Maquoketa. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach beef specialist, Denise Schwab, brought professionals to the area to teach about calving techniques for the experienced and inexperienced.

The clinic provided both classroom and hands-on activities presented by Iowa State faculty and private industry veterinarians. Classroom topics included nutrition and management for late gestation and early lactation, and neonatal calf care. Hands-on sessions included handling dystocia, including first aid and emergency care.

Frosty, the life-size cow model, was used to demonstrate various techniques to help ease calving difficulties and increase live calve births. Participants were able to gain real-life experience working with calving scenarios.

Partners included Maquoketa Community High School/ FFA, Clinton Community College, Dr. Slattery from Risius Family Veterinary Clinic, Katy Lippolis, Iowa State assistant professor and Extension cow-calf specialist, Dr. Grant Dewell, Iowa State extension beef veterinarian and associate professor, Dr. Caitlyn Wiley, Iowa State clinical assistant professor and the Iowa Beef Center.



4-H Youth Programming

We help deliver a Theatre Stem Camp through our College for Kids series in partnership with Clinton Community College. Our goal with this camp was to expose youth to the world of theatre and show them the ways theatre can be integrated into our everyday lives. The world is our stage!

Some youth had experience with theatre and others were trying it out for the very first time, so we ask each child: “What do you think of when you hear the word ‘theatre’?” Many said acting, but some thought of the actors, rehearsing, memorizing lines, costumes, and props. All are very important aspects of theatre, but very few youth knew what it takes to pull all of the elements together and put on a show.

Before we dove into the process, we had the youth work together to match theatre vocabulary terms to their definitions because teamwork is one of the most important parts of theatre. They were shy and barely said a word to each other at first, and they quickly came out of their shell as they played the dialogue game. This made the youth think about how movement, emotion, and voice play a big role in acting. Similarly, we also did improv, and we focused on being able to interpret as audience members the who, what, when, where, and how of situations acted out by other kids.

The youth had to rehearse. They went from reading their scripts in a monotone voice to changing their voices and movements to fit their characters’ personalities. For example, the wolf and pig 3 were more sassy, and Pig 1 and Pig 2 experimented with different ways to fall over when the wolf blew down their

homes. We also talked about stage presence. For example, even though the wolf needed to look at the houses, he couldn’t stand with his back to the audience. These are all great communication building skills.

Finally, on the last day of camp, they performed the play for family, friends, and staff. The youth had a lot of fun, and were pleased with the final result of the play. They even shared what they learned from Theatre Stem camp with the audience.

Favorite things they learned were how to act and how to create a set. The youth that walked into camp on the first day were completely different than on the last day. They went from being timid and too shy to talk to each other to working together, adapting to difficult last-minute changes, and using the skills they learned and applying it to real-life situations. The participants became better brainstormers, problem solvers, public speakers, communicators, and performers.

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