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Showcasing 4-H at the Crawford County Fair

The Crawford County Fair returned in 2021, providing the opportunity for youth to demonstrate what they had learned through their 4-H project work over the past year.

• Crawford County youth from all backgrounds are achieving the 4-H outcomes of leadership, communication, citizenship, and project learning skills.

• The Crawford County 4-H program implemented research-based educational programs that spark interest, support academics and promote youth agency and resiliency.

• Denison Community School partner organizations participated in volunteer and client/youth-focused activities.

Working toward Recovery

As our state works toward recovery, ISU Extension and Outreach, Crawford County has been Reviving the Iowa economy, including the farm economy. ISU Extension and Outreach believes in the power of entrepreneurs and the value they bring to our communities. We support small businesses through research-based training and technical assistance. We provide agribusinesses and farmers with research-based education to inform their decisions. We are committed to helping Iowa’s rural communities, agribusinesses, and farmers remain financially solvent, connect to appropriate resources, find alternate markets, and increase their profitability.

• Farmland Leasing offered participants the necessary skills to make informed farm business decisions that will reduce risk and increase farm profitability as they work toward their long-term goals.

• Women Marketing Grain will engage participants with hands on activities through a web-based training and discuss how to develop a written crop marketing plan.

• Care packages for farmers during planting and harvest season were presented to local ag producers with informational materials on Mental Health Awareness.

Looking ahead to 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach, Crawford County will engage Iowans in addressing mental health. Mental health disorders and suicide do not discriminate. They can affect anyone. One in five adult Iowans lives with some form of mental illness and one in six youth ages six through 17 will experience a mental health disorder. Someone dies by suicide in Iowa every 20 hours. Our programs and resources for the agriculture sector, communities, businesses, families, and youth can help Iowans lower their stress and move toward recovery. ISU Extension and Outreach Crawford County staff will work to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and provide ISU Extension and Outreach resources to assist the people of Crawford County in getting the mental health support they may need.

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