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 Wright County for a #STRONGIOWA.

2021 IN WRIGHT COUNTY

The Wright 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 Wright County

As Iowans adjusted to life during the COVID-19 pandemic, ISU Extension and Outreach continued to prioritize health and safety as we delivered research-based education to the people of Wright County. During 2021 we focused on the following efforts.

• ISU Extension and Outreach in Wright County focused on meeting community needs through programming such as Scam Prevention, Raising Backyard Chickens 2.0, Grant Writing 101, gardening programs, ag trainings, and much more.

Showcasing 4-H at the County Fair

The Wright 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.
• Intermediate and teen councils participated in the I-Cash Agricultural Youth Injury Prevention Grant. The youth led a table where they engaged 151 fair participants and 65 farmers in farm vehicle safety education. Sixty-one farmers received slow moving vehicle signs during the fair.

• Youth fair attendees were engaged in STEM activities during the Wright County Fair that were hands-on and exploratory.

Working toward Recovery

As our state works toward recovery, ISU Extension and Outreach in Wright County has been:

• Engaging Iowans in improving food supply, safety, and access.

• Engaging Iowans in addressing mental health.

• Partnering with the First Lutheran Church Food Pantry to establish a community garden, which provided 1,090 food pantry shoppers with 501 pounds of fresh produce.

• Collaborating with six area businesses and banks to provide 280 farmers with bags of snacks, donated items, and community resource information.

Looking ahead to 2022, ISU Extension and Outreach in Wright County will:

• Support local efforts to increase access of fresh produce through a Master Gardener-supported garden, researched-based educational programming, hands-on gardening opportunities to teach youth and families self-sustainability, and participation on the Wright County Food Pantry Coalition.

• Sustain the farmer bag efforts, engaging area partners to increase outreach and delivery of bags; provide researched-based educational trainings to the ag community; and engage community partners and ag professionals in training opportunities to provide support and resources to local farming communities.

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