

BUILDING A #STRONGIOWA

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

Bremer County Extension Council

Every Iowa county has a nine member 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.

4-H & K-12 Youth Outreach

Bremer County 4-H is a vibrant program that offers specialty clubs, traditional clubs, workshops, county wide events for families, and creating partners with Bremer County Community entities. Where you can see Bremer County 4-H programs in action:

- Annual Omelet Brunch
- After School Programs
- Annual Safety Day
- STEM programs
- Bremer County Fair
- Awards Banquet
- Day Camps
- Multiple county wide workshops to help educate the youth of Bremer County!



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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.

Rick Laures
Extension Council Chair

Bill Arndorfer
Regional Director

Our Mission is to empower youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. We achieve this mission by having safe environments, inclusive settings, caring adults, and endless opportunities. Good habits begin when we are young. Bremer County 4-H provides all youth with programs to help educate, build confidence and nurture relationships that last a lifetime. Bremer County has 13 clubs with 300 members in grades 4-12 and a strong Clovers program of 110 in grades K-3.

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Food and Environment

- ❖ Installed, manage, and test Bremer County's only denitrifying bioreactor.
- ❖ Serving on county Bremer SWCD board and two watershed management authority groups (Cedar and Wapsipinicon), plus sample area streams.
- ❖ For the sixth year, provided fall cornstalk nitrate sampling for over 100 fields to aid in nutrient management and inputs.
- ❖ Partners in Bremer Corn and Soybean test plot where we compared 82 varieties from 13 seed companies.
- ❖ Hosted Pesticide Applicator Training for over 170 farmers.
- ❖ Educational programs for swine, dairy, crops, farmland leasing, windbreaks, bee & honey plus estate planning.
- ❖ Designed and manned Extension booth for Hawkeye Farm Show. Over 15,000 attended and our booth featured cover crops and nutrient management.

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Economic Development

- ❖ Since 2010 we have been working with the City of Tripoli on their Community Visioning project, which has produced a new bike/walk trail, Welcome Center, two new parks, street improvements, plus downtown image and community involvements.

- ❖ Waverly Trees Forever committee to manage urban forestry.
- ❖ Co-chairing the Marketing Tripoli committee to welcome new citizens.
- ❖ Weekly extension radio program on KWAY on many topics.
- ❖ Active in Bremer Barn Quilt program which now numbers over 75, plus developed tour map.

Health and Well Being

- ❖ Our Waverly Community Garden yielded over 4000 pounds of fresh, healthy vegetables which was donated to area church meal sites and food banks. That makes over 18,000 pounds the last five years. We were highlighted on Iowa Public TV, which featured our garden and benefactors. We also helped Bremwood plant their school garden.
- ❖ Serve on the Waverly Food Secure Network committee, plus the Northern Iowa Food and Farm Partnership.
- ❖ Hosted over 300 Bremer County 4th graders at our Progressive Ag Safety Day. Partnered with Farm Bureau to show safety methods around the home and farm.
- ❖ Conducted classes on radon detection and the Emerald Ash Borer.



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